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20TH DECEMBER, 1907.

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A. C. RUMBOLL,
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C. CROMMELIN,
General Traffic Manager.
GENERAL TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,
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All covers containing Tenders are to be superscribed "Tender for supply of Stores" and "Tender for supply of Stationery" and sealed and addressed to the Agent whom they must reach.

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A. G. CRISP,
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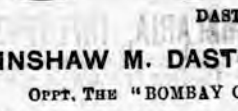
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WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 2-30 p. m., (S. T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following:—

Furniture such as sofas, easy-chairs, light chairs, dressing, wash-hand, and writing tables, chest-of-drawers, almyrahs, cupboards, cottage piano, English, safe by Price and Co., Chubb's safe on stand.

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By order and on account of the concerned—

J. R. 12023—1 case Lady's girls' and children's shoes damaged by Sea-water.

12 cases each, 48 dozen rope sole shoes, English make.

23 dozen mock turtle and ox tail soup.

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1 double-seated brougham.
1 English Gent's Saddle with briddle.

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Under instructions from R. D. Sethna, Esq., the acting Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate of Haji Karim Moti Halai and another, Insolvents, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, THIS DAY, MONDAY the 23rd inst. at 4-30 p. m. (S. T.) the following woollen and cotton piece-goods consisting of,

Colored woollen and cotton venetian serge, Melton Coatings, Italian washing checks, lustres, gauze and Ceylon Flannels, colored velvets, woollen flowered crape, etc. and ivory pieces, mattresses, pillows, etc., etc.

In Lots to Suit Purchasers.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale and the balance to be paid and goods cleared within 4 days after the sale.

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Under instructions from the Curator, Government Central Book Depot, Bombay, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Book Depot, Girgaum Back Road TO-MORROW, TUESDAY the 14th instant, at 2-30 p. m. (S. T) the following :—

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BOMBAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1907.

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AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
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Our WEEKLY SALE will take place on FRIDAY the 27th inst., instead of on Wednesday 25th, it being a Holiday on Wednesday.

WEEKLY SALE.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE and Co. will, on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Rooms, at 2-30 p. m., the following:—

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THE SALE of furniture belonging to the Mess, 3rd Lancers, Poona, advertised to take place TOMORROW, is Postponed until further Notice.

TO-DAY, AT 11 A. M.

THE FINAL CLEARING OF THE GREAT IRISH LINEN SALE.

ABSOLUTELY THE LAST DAY.

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Catalogues will be published and the property is on view.

BENNETT & Co.

BOMBAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1907.

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The Hall Line steamer Rydal Hall, 2,139 tons, Captain L Fraser, saild on Saturday for Calcutta, in ballast.

The steamer Bardistan, 2,500 tons, Captain H L Davies, sailed on Sunday for Mormur Goa, in ballast.

The B I S N Co's steamer Sirsa, 1,675 tons, Captain C S Emmitt, arrived in harbour on the 20th instant from Calcutta &c with a general cargo and 9 passengers.

The B I S N Co's steamer Onipenta, 3,420 tons, Captain W H Hill, arrived in harbour on the 20th instant from Karachi, with a general cargo.

The Hall Line steamer Trentham Hall 2,661 tons, Captain F F Clement, arrived in harbour on Saturday, from Liverpool via Mauritius with cargo of sugar and 12 deck passengers.

The Asiatic S N Co's, steamer Nawab, 2,041 tons, Captain G F Elliott, arrived in harbour on the 20th instant from Calcutta and coast ports, with a general cargo and coal.

The B I S N Co's steamer Dunra, 762 tons, Captain J T Hirst, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr and Mrs Parkinson, Mr Bennett, Mr Richwhels, Mr Haffriester, Mr Munro, Mr Joandes, Mr Bourton, 2 Misses Wise, Miss Burrell, Mr Cowasji, Mr Querpis, 15 natives and 143 deck.

The B I S N Co's, steamer Ula, 3,426 tons, Captain W H Watkeys, arrived in harbour on Sunday from Calcutta with a general cargo and coal.

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Bahadur ......2976 Elliot ....G Tejpal & Co
Brand ......1519 Evensen ....W & A Graham & Co
Elax ......2612 Brunton ....
Euphorbia ...... Stevens ....J M & Co
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Querimba ......4937 Smith ....M M & Co
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Vessel. Ton. Capt. Destination. Date. Agents

A Devanha ......4765 Hide .... Shanghai .... 21-12 P & O Co
B Clan Mackintosh 2943 Lennox ... A'werp ...10-1-08 N F Muir & Co
F Onipenta ......3420 Hill ...... R'goon ......20-12 M M & Co
G Hydra ......881 Kirsebom .. Singapore 27-12 F Campbell & Co
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M Mazagon ......3279 Hodgson ......Repairing ... M M & Co
N Mozaffari ......1387 Molony ......N F ...... B & P S N Co
P Trafford Hall ...3436 Hood ......L'pool ......24-12 K Nixon & Co

Offside M

Shah Ameer ......1022 Pilling ......Jedah ......21-12 H A Hassum

Offside N

Oriental ......2812 Palmer ......Aden ...... P & O Co

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1 Majidi ......1820 Coates ...Mauritius ...28-12 B & P S N Co
2 John H Barry ..2022 Lillie ......Hull 21-12 W and A G and Co
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6 China ......3-55 Pearls ......Trieste ......[illegible]-12 A L S N Co
7 Koerber ......3 63 Forest ...Trieste ......1-1-08 A L S N Co
8 Austria ......4979 Gullhuber ...... Kobe ......24 12 A L S N Co
15 Kagoshima Maru 2731 Kori ...... Kobe ......29-12 N Y Kaisha
16 St Helena ......2758 Robertson ......Genoa ...21-12 T M'son & Co

ARRIVALS

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
20	Sirsa s	Emmett	Calcutta, Nov 16
	Onipenta s	Hill	Karachi, Dec 18
	Nawab s	Elliott	Calcutta, Nov 13
21	Trentham Hall s	Clement	Liverpool, Oct 12
	Dunara s	Hirst	Karachi, Dec 12
	Ehrenfels s	Kinkars	Hamburg, Nov 16
	Islami s	Newby	Jedah, Dec 7
22	Ula s	Watkeys	Calcutta, Dec 11

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
21	Ischia s	Dini	Genoa, &c
	Umbilali s	Richards	Antwerp
	Arabia s	Leigh	London
	Rydal Hall s	Fraser	Calcutta
	Langoe s	Nisbit	Calcutta
22	Bardistan s	Davies	Mormugon
	Baralong s	Keasley	Philadelphia

The following vessels began to load on Saturday:—

Steamer Persia, for London.
" Onipenta, for Calcutta, &c.
" Nawab for Calcutta, &c.
" Sirsa, for Calcutta, &c.
" Hydra, for Bangkok.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	From
13	Clan Buchanan	Liverpool
13	Umlazi	Calcutta
17	Palamcotta	Negapatam
17	Pentakota	Rangoon
19	Landaula	Bombay

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, Dec. 23.

410.—2nd Lieutenant O M Ward is posted to "E" Company.
441—Enrolment.—The undernamed having been enrolled is taken on the strength of the Corps and posted to "F" Company:—No. 6223 Vol. S. M. Reuben.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DEC. 21

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Tafford Hall s—4 bales silk waste, Killick Nixon and Co. City of Glasgow s—3,576 cwts myrabollams, W Bechir.

FOR LONDON.

Persia s—130 cwts horns, E Mahomed.

FOR HULL.

John H Barry s—2,000 cwts cottonseed, G Madhowji and Co; 4,025 cwts cottonseed, W Becher

FOR ANTWERP.

St Helena s—2½ bales twist H M Mehta and Co; 130 bales twis K Visram and Co

FOR GENOA.

St Helena s—5 bales twist, B Gorio and Co—65 bales cotton and 45 bales cottonfly, W Wolf and Sons.

FOR DUNKIRK.

John H Barry s—1 bale cotton Ralli Bros.

FOR TRIESTE.

Koerber s—90 bales twist, M Sampat and Co; 2,360 cwts teelseed, 342 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 165 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 67 bales twist A Schweiger and Co.

FOR VEINCE.

Koerber s—110 bales cotton C Heerji and Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Koerber s—100 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

FOR VARNA.

Koerber s—10 bales twist, A Schweiger and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Kagoshima Maru s—500 cwts onion, R E Dadachanji.
Devanha s—10 cases opium P and O Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Devanha s—55 bales twist, Framji Sons and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Devanha s—200 bales cotton, M B Kaisha, 114 bales cotton, G Dessa and Co.
Kagoshima Maru s—100 bales cotton H N Madraswalla and Co; 300 bales cotton Japan Cotton Trading Co.

FOR OSAKA.

Kagoshima Maru—s—212 bales cotton, Japan Cotton Trading Co.

FOR YOKKAICHI.

Kagoshima Maru s—250 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

London, *December* 20.] [Bombay, *December* 21.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols ...	82	3/16	
3 do. Rentes ...	95 1/4 Ex		1/4
3½ do. Sterling Loan ...	100 3/8	1/8	
3½ do. Govt. Securities ...	63 13/16	1/16	
*Bar Silver in London	24 7/16		1/2
Do. do. 2 months' hence	24 3/4		1/2
Do. in New York ...	53	unchgd	
Exchange on London at Paris ...	25·21	unchgd	
Do. do. do. Berlin.	20·51 3/4	unchgd	
Do. do. do. New York.	4·86 5/8	1/4	
Discount Bank of England Rate.	7 since	7th Nov.	
Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight	6	unchgd	
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	5 1/8	unchgd	
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	6 1/2	unchgd	
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	6 1/4	unchgd	
Interest Day-to-day Loans ...	4 1/8	unchgd	
Do. 7-day Market Loans	4 1/2	unchgd	

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England £75,000 for various places.

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) 1s. 3 3/4d. unchgd.
Transfers on Bombay... Rs. 300,000 at 1s. 3 31/32d
Transfers on Calcutta ... Rs. 1,10,000 at 1s. 3 31/32d

SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

Silver to Bombay ... ... £ 50,000
Gold to Bombay ... ... £ 50,000
Silver to Shanghai ... ... £ 10,000

COTTON.

Liverpool—

Spots ... ...Quiet.
Futures ... ...Quiet.
East Indian ... ...Quiet.
Manchester ... ...Steady.
Total Sales ... ...7,000 bales
Sold on Speculation and for Export... 500 "
Imports ... ...15,000 "
Mid-Americans... ...6·10—10
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown ... 10 3/16 unchgd.

Future Delivery Prices—

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.
5·75	5·74	5·74	5·75	5·75
—01	—01	—01	—01	—01
May-June	June-July	July-Aug	Aug.-Sept.	
5·76	5·75	5·72	5·63	
unchgd	—01	unchgd	+01	

New York—

Receipts at U. S. Ports ... 84,000 bales.
Do. do. last year... 56,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ... 26,000 "
Do. to Continent ... ... 32,000 "
Spot Cotton—11·60 + 10.

Futures—Month of Mar. 10·72 + 14
Do. do. May 10·76 + 12
{Advanced early owing to bullish ginners figures and partially declined later through liquidation.

New Orleans:—

Spot Cotton —11 3/8 unchanged.
Futures—Month of March. 10·92 + 16
Do. do. May 10·94 + 16
Closing Tone of Futures.—Easy.

NEW YORK, December 20.

	Bales.
Week's receipts of Cotton at U. S. Ports	... 398,000
Do. Exports to Great Britain	... 178,000
Do. do. to France and Continent	... 150,000
Stock of Cotton at U. S. Ports	...mutilated.
Do. do. at Interior Ports	...mutilated.

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Fine Broach ... ... d. 5 [illegible]
F. G. " ... ... d. 5 [illegible]
Good " ... ... d. 5 [illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee :—
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) 6 1/8 unchgd.

Metals :—
Copper Braziers £75
Yellow Metal ... ... d. 6 5/8

Bar Iron :—
Belgian Ordinary Sizes F. O. B., Antwerp £ 5 8 0
Iron Corrugated Sheets 24 gauge G. O. B. 4 ½ F. O. B. Liverpool £ 13 2 6
Basic Steel Bars C. I. F. India £ 5 15 0

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
	Rs.			
179 Bars Silver..	3,63,321	London ..	Persia	Hongkong Bank
109 Bars Silver..	2,18,684	London ..	Persia ..	International Bank
426 Bars Silver..	8,72,646	London ...	Persia	Mercantile Bank
2 Boxes Sovereigns gold Bullions	75,000 / 58,400	London ..	Persia ..	Hongkong Bank
1 Bundle Sovereigns Rs	135 / 275	Dwarka ...	Lhasa	M Mackenzie and Co
2 Bundles Rs	2,300	C Mandvie	Lhasa ..	M Mackenzie and Co
1 Box Sovereigns	10,500	Aden	Persia ..	A and J Laljee

BOMBAY MARKETS.

Saturday Evening.] [21st December, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Exchange :—

The quotations are steady at T. T. 1s. 3 29/32d., Demand 1s. 3 31/32d., and Credits (three months) 1s. 4¼d., with practically no business doing, due to it being mail day, and Far Eastern rates are down as a result of the fall in the price of silver.

T. T. on London ... ...1s. 3 29/32d.
Demand Draft ... ...1s. 3 31/32d.
Credits—3 months' sight ...1s. 4 1/4d.
Do. 3 months' sight—France 170 1/4
Hongkong—20 days' sight ... 134
Yokohama—20 days' sight ... 150 3/4
Shanghai—20 days' sight ... 179

Government Paper :—

The market opened at Cash 96-10 and Settlement (6th January) 96-9 and closed at 96-9 and 96-8 respectively, no business having passed. The Calcutta rates are quoted at Cash 96-5 and Forward (one month) at 96-8. We quote:—

Cash ... ... Rs. 96 9
1st Settlement ... ... " 96·8

Bullion :—

The London Silver Market is dull, and has declined a half-penny, both Ready and Forward, the rates quoted being 24s. 7/16d. and 24¾d., respectively, with indications of weakness. The local rates opened at 66-8 and 62-4 ex-duty for the approaching settlements, and closed firm at Ready 68, this (December) settlement 68, and next (January) settlement 63. Bar Gold stands at the rates quoted below:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
English Bar Gold ...	24	4	0
Australian Bar Gold ...	24	2	0
Bombay Bar Gold ...	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns ...	15	2	6
English Dragon Sovereigns ...	15	0	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready ...	68	0	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	68	0	0
Ditto 2nd " ...	63	0	0

COTTON.

Market Report :—

The Ginners Report figures received by private messages are 9,581 000 bales ginned up to 13th December against 11,099,000 bales last year, up to same date, and 9,298,000 bales in 1905. The figures has been taken as "bullish" in New York. The number of bales ginned during the 13 days is 987,000 against 1,074,000 last year.

The market opened steady at about Re. 1 above yesterday's closing rates, but there has been little doing during the day, and at the close, though there is practically no change in prices, the market is quiet with few buyers.

At Colaba a small business was put through in ready cotton by exporters and mills.

QUOTATIONS:—	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach ...	275	March 08
Good M. G. Broach ...	267 1/2	"
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti	231/5	Jan. 08
Fine M. G. Damangaum Pulgaon	227	"
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola	220	"
Fine M. G. Amraoti ...	220	"
Fine M. G. Muttia ...	204	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish ...	199/200	"
Fine M. G. Khandeish ..	205	"
Fine M. G. Bengals ...	199/200	"
Fine. M. G. Bengals ...	204	March 08.
F. G. H. G Bengals ...	191½	Jan. 08.
Good Westerns ...	241/2	Apl-May 08
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar	255	"

Liverpool Opener :—

Opening Tone... ... ... Quiet.
Estimated Sales ... ... 6,000 bales.
Total Imports ... ... 12,000 "

Future Delivery Price :—

D.-J.	J.-F.	F.-M.	M.-A.	A.-M.
5·71	5·71	5·72	5·72	5·72
—02	—03	—02	—01	—03
M.-J.	J.-J.	J.-A.	A.-S.	
5·73	5·73	5·70	5·62	
—03	—02	—02	—01	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—

The market is firmer owing to natives operating and we quote:—

Ready ... ... Rs. 7 13 0 B. T.
December ... ... " 8 2 0 R. T.
April-May ... ... " 8 8 6 "

RAPESEED—

Is also firmer with a good inquiry, but the quality of stocks is generally unsatisfactory. We quote:—

Brown Cawnpore ready ...Rs. 9 2 0 R. T.
Brown Cawnpore Ap.-May ... " 9 6 0 R. T.
Yellow Guzerat, ready ... " 10 2 0 B. T.

Gingellyseed :—

The market is quiet but steady with only a small business passing. We quote:—

Bold White, 85 p.c. ... ... Rs. 62 8 0
" " 75 p.c. ... ... " 61 0 0
Black Kutni ... ... " 59 0 0
White Havre ... ... " 62 8 0
Yellow Hinganghat ... ... " 65 0 0

Poppyseed:—

Ready ... ... Rs. 11 15 0
April-May ... ... " 11 4 0

Tone—Quiet.

Castorseed :—

Ready ... ... Rs. 34 0 0
April-May ... ... Rs. 35 0 0

Tone—Quiet but steady.

Cottonseed :—

Rs. 23 8 0

Tone—Steady.

Mowraseed:—

Rs. 5 6 0 B. T.

Tone—Steady.

GROUNDNUTS :—

Rs. 43 0 0

Tone—Firmer.

Wheat :—

White Delhi Ap.-May. ... Rs. 5 15 6 R. T.

Tone—Steady.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :—

Bombay 1,310
India 61
Indian Specie Bank ... 54 1/2

Mills :—

Central India Mills Co Ld ... 1,830
Century 1,325
David 385
Maneckji Petit 3,155

Miscellaneous :—

Bauankua Manganese ... Premium
Bombay Steam Nav. Pref. ... 265
Treacher and Co 625

Railways :—

Tapti Valley 430

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce in Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday:—

Cotton ... ... 9,785 bales
Wheat ... ... 19,601 cwts
Linseed ... ... 18 "
Rapeseed ... ... nil "
Gingellyseed ... ... 10,010 "
Poppyseed ... ... 3 "
Groundnuts ... ... 748 "
Castorseed ... ... 239 "
Rice ... ... 1,933 "
Myrabollams ... ... 6,335 "
Cottonseed ... ... 1,3332 "
Mowraseed ... ... 841 "
Gram ... ... 1,515 "
Joowar ... ... 641 "
Maize ... ... 215 "

LONDON MARKETS.

London, *December* 21.] [Bombay, *December* 22.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols ...	83 1/8	1/8	
3 do. Rentes ...	95 1/2	1/4	
3½ do. Sterling Loan ...	100 3/4	3/8	
3½ do. Govt. Securities...	63 13/16	unchgd	
*Bar Silver in London ...	24¼		3/16
Do. do. 2 months' hence	24 9/16		3/16
Do. in New York ...	52 1/2		1/2
Exchange on London at Paris	25·21		
Do. do. do. Berlin	20·52	1/4	
Do. do. do. New York	4·86 1/8		1/2
Discount Bank of England Rate	7	since	7 Nov.
Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight ...	6	unchgd	
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight ...	5 1/8		
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	6 1/2		
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	6 1/4		
Interest Day-to-day Loans ...	4 1/4	1/8	
Do. 7-day Market Loans ...	4 3/4	1/4	

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate)... 1s. 3¾.

COTTON.

Liverpool —

Spots ... ... Quiet.
Futures ... ... Steady.
East Indian ... ... Quiet.
Manchester ... ... Steady.
Total Sales ... ... 5,000 bales
Sold on Speculation and for Export... 1,000 "
Imports ... ... 12,000 "
Mid-Americans ... ... 6·16 + 06
Egyptian F.G.F. Brown... ...10 2/16 unchgd

Future Delivery prices :—

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl	Apl.-May.
5·72	5·73	5·74	5·74	5·75
—03	—01	unchgd	—01	unchgd.
May-June.	June-July.	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	
5·76	5·76	5·73	5·65	
unchgd	+01	+01	+02	

New York:—

Receipts at U. S. Ports... ... 24,000 bales.
Do. do. last year ... 74,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ... 15,000 "
Do. to Continent ... ... 19,000 "
Spot Cotton—Mutilated.

Futures—Month of Mar. 10·71—01
Futures—Mutilated
} First tone mutilated advanced latre through Expectation of a decrease in the movement.

New Orleans—

Spot Cotton— 11 5/16—1/16.
Futures—Month of Mar. 10·95 + 03
Do do May 10·97 + 03
Closing tone of futures—Quiet.
Cotton Stock in London .. 16,000 bales.
" Total *Visible Supply* .. 3,980,000 "
" " East Indian 163,000 "
" Quantity in Sight ... 6,000,000 "

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

Total	Week's Sales	55,000 bales
"	Sold on Speculation	3,000 "
"	Sold for Exportation	3,000 "
"	Amounts forwarded to Consumers	91,000 "
"	Actual Exports	8,000 "
"	Week's Imports	141,000 "
	Stock	7,27,000 "
Surat's	Week's Sales	1,200 "
"	Sold on Speculation	...
"	Sold for Exportation	...
"	Amount forwarded to Consumers	900 "
"	Actual Exports	600 "
"	Week's Imports	1,000 "
"	Stocks	17,000 "
Afloat	Americans	90,000 "
"	Indian	8,000 "

WHEAT.

Tone of Wheat—Steady.

SEEDS.

Linseed :—

Bombay, per 416 lbs., ex ship 44 3/4, Dec.-Jan.—Sellers Canal.
Tone of Linseed—Steady.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee—

In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality), 6 1/8 unchgd.

THE MADRAS MARKET.

Banks.

Bank of Madras... 1,125
Bangalore Bank... ... ... Sellers 125
Commercial Bank ... ... 19·8
Do. 6 per cent. Cum. Pref ... 65

Mills and Presses.

Bangalore Woollen, Cotton, and Silk... ... 70
Do. do. 6 per cent Deb. 1910 ... 1,000
Buckingham Mill 7 per cent Pref. 1st Jany. ... 100
Do. do. do. 31st Dec. ... 1,075
Do. 6 per cent. Deb. 1909 ... 1,000
Carnatic 520
Do. 6 per cent. Deb. 1913 ... 1,000
Coimbatore Spinning & Weaving ... 147·8
Coral 135
Jamalamudugu Press 400
Madras United S. W. & M. ... 2,800
Madura 130
Mysore Spinning & Manufacturing ... nom. 200
Tinnevelly 500
Tadpatri Press (Ord.) 550
Do. 7 per cent. Cum. Pref. ... 100
Tirupur Press 450

Miscellaneous.

Arbuthnot's Industrials 6 p. c. Cum. Pref. Nom.
Burmah Oil Coy. ... ... 65s.
Cochin State Railway 5 per cent. Loan (1911) 102
Ditto ditto 4 per cent. Loan (1918) 98
Deccan Sugar and Abkari, Ld. (Ord.) ... Sellers
Ditto 7 per cent 1st Mort. Deb. (1913) Sellers 1,000
Ditto ditto (1909) Sellers 1,000
E. I. Distilleries & Sugar Factories (Ord.) ... 9s. 6d.
Do. 5 per cent. Deb. ...cum interest £100
Do. 7 per cent. Cum. Pref. ... Sellers 20s.
Indian Aluminium 90
Indian Cycle and Engineering 7 per cent. Deb. 90
Malabar Timber Yard & Saw Mills ... Sellers 100
Do. 7 per cent. Cum. Pref. Sellers 100
McDowell and Co. (Ord.) ... Sellers 150
Do. 6 per cent. Cum. Pref ... 100
Madras Railway 5 per cent. Guaranteed ... £110
Do. 4½ per cent. Guaranteed ... £102
Madras Electric Tramways ... ...nom £1
Madras Electric Tramway Company 5 per cent. Sterling Debentures ... £99
Madras Electric Supply Corpn. (10s. paid) ...12s. 6d.
Massey and Co. (Ord.) 135
Do. 6 per cent. Cum. Pref. 100
Mysore Chromium 70
New Mysore Manganese ... ...21s. 3d.
Oakes and Co. (Ord.) 100
Do. 6 per cent. Cum. Pref. Sellers 100
Do. 5 per cent. Debentures 1910... Sellers 100
Ootacamund Municipal 6 per cent. Debs. Buyers 100
Oriental Benefit and Deposit Society ... 11·8
Peninsular Mineral (Rs. 60 paid) ... Sellers 70
Ramnad Raj Sterling 5 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures Nos. 1 to 1750 ... £101
Sivagunga Zemindary 5 per cent. Mortgage Leasehold Bonds, Nos. 1 to 1000... £100
Smith, W. E. & Co. (Ord.) ... 140
Do. 6 per cent. Cum. Pref. 106
South Indian Railway Debentures ... £120
Do. (Capital Stock, 1911) ... £103
Southern India Rubber (Rs. 55 paid) Sellers 45
Shell Transport and Trading Company ... 48s.
Do. 5 per cent. Preference ... £ 9¼
Shimoga Manganese ... Sellers 75
Spencer and Co. (Ord.) ... Buyers 150
Do. 6 per cent. Cum. Pref. 107
Tanjore District Board 4 per cent. Railway Loan, Redeemable 1920 ... 97½
United Coffee Growers 50
Vizianagram Mining ... ... 20s.

INDIAN GOLD MINES.

Latest Quotations.

Anantapur Gold, 15s. paid ... ...16s. 3d.
Balaghat, fully paid ... 8s.
Do. 10 o/o Preference fully paid ... 17s.
Champion Reef, fully paid ... ...6s. 8d.
Deccan Goldfield Development (5s. paid) ... 1½d.
Dharwar Gold, fully paid... ...14s. 3d.
Dharwar Reefs,* fully paid ...10s. 3d.
Glenrock (9s. 9d. paid) ... 3d.
Goldfields of Dharwar ... 7s. 6d.
Goldfields of Mysore ... 3d.
Hosur Gold Mines (15s. 4d. paid) ... 1s. 6d.
Hutti (Nizam's), fully paid ... 32s.
Hyderabad (Deccan) ... 45s.
Indian Mines Syndicate (3s. 6d. paid) ... 1½d.
Kempinkote (New), fully paid ... 3d.
Mysore Gold, fully paid £4-16-3
Mysore Reefs (Ord.) ... 1½d.
Mysore West (19s. paid) ... 6d.
Mysore Wynaad (19s. paid) ... 6d.
Nanjungod, fully paid ... Sellers Rs. 7-8.
Nundydroog, fully paid ... ...19s. 6d.
Ooregum, fully paid (Ordinary) ... 6s. 6d.
Ooregum Preference, fully paid ... 9s 6d.
Road Block, fully paid ... Sellers 3d.
Sangli, 10s. paid ... 2s. 6d.
Shimoga Goldfields (Rs. 5 paid) ... Rs. 5
Topuldodi (Nizam's) 15s. paid ... 1s. 6d.

* Four Dharwar Reefs shares for every three Dharwar Gold shares.

The Nizam's Secretary sent the following congratulatory wire to Vicar-ul-Mulk:—"Your telegram of the 16th instant. The Nizam is very pleased to hear of your election as Secretary of the College in succession to Mohsin-ul-Mulk Bahadur and has commanded me to request that you will kindly convey to the Trustees, Professors and students of the College His Highness's sincere thanks for their kind felicitation and congratulations on the birth of His Highness's son."

A WOMAN'S MESSAGE TO WOMEN.

"BILE BEANS SAVED MY LIFE."

The overwhelming value of Bile Beans for all women's weaknesses, aliments and critical periods is due to the pure vegetable composition of this medicine and to their gentle action.

"They saved my life" said Mrs. Eliza Southwell, of 7, Vermont Villa, Vermont Street, Hull.

"Two years ago my health broke completely. I could not eat to keep my strength up and what little food I took would not remain in my stomach. The constant sickness reduced me to a state of prostration, and I suffered agonies from neuralgia. I was under the impression that I had a cancer forming in my inside, and all the symptoms pointed to this, but it was really the change of life with me. I became so weak that I was quite unable to perform my household duties. Of course, I consulted a doctor but the medicine did me but little good, and the relief was only temporary. My condition became so serious that I was ordered to leave Hull and go into the country for a change of air. I was recommended to try Bile Beans. I felt an improvement from the very commencement, and I am delighted to say that I am now quite well and strong. Bile Beans have saved my life. They have also been of great benefit to my husband, my married daughter, and my young grandson who is just eighteen years old. Bile Beans are our family medicine."

Bile Beans, the world's most successful liver medicine, provides a permanent cure for indigestion, biliousness, liver troubles, constipation, piles, headache, dizziness, palpitation, heartburn, flatulency, debility, sickness, nausea, female ailments, neuralgia, colic, spasms and pains in the back and shoulders, and are an excellent safeguard against rheumatism, gout, colds, chills, and influenza. Price Re. 1 and Rs. 2-4 per bottle or direct from the Bile Bean Mfg. Co., 9, Dalhousie Square, for Rs. 1-2 and Rs. 2-8 post paid.

BILE BEANS FREE.

Cut out this Coupon and send with one anna stamp to the Bile Bean Co.'s Head Indian Depot, 9, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, to obtain a dainty free sample bottle of Bile Beans.

Write address clearly,
"Bombay Gazette," 23rd December, 1907.

Bile Beans.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

The Charge for Announcements of Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Memoriam Notices which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. Cash strictly Advance.

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

GALPIN—December 20, at her residence, Royal Alfred Sailors' Home, Apollo Bunder. Hannah Galpin of cerebral hemorrhage caused by a fall from an Electric Tram car, aged 55 years.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BLAKE—November 30, at Dehra Dun, the wife of W. Clifford Blake, of a son.
CHENNELL—December 16, at Tanjore, the wife of J. A. Chennell, of a son.
HOPKYNS—December 15, at Serampore, the wife of W. S. Hopkyns, I. C. S., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CAMPBELL—DADY—December 16, at St. Thomas' Mount, by the Rev. E. Ball, Colin Boon Campbell, to Lilian Claire, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dady.

DEATH.

BIGGIE—December 14, at Roorkee, U. P., Bridget, relict of the late William Biggie, of pneumonia.

H. T. BINKS,
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Sun rises, 7h., 8m.; Sun sets, 6h. 7m.; High water, 1-29m., 1-10a.; Low water, 7-27m., 6-55a.
Bombay Police Club, Christmas Tree and Dance, Town Hall.
Laying foundation-stone of the Mazagon-Sewri Reclamation, Mazagon, by H. E. the Governor, 5 p.m.
Skating Rink, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m.
Excelsior Cinematograph, Esplanade, 7 p.m., 8-30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
The Empire Cinematograph, Framji Cowasji Hall, 7 p.m., 8-30 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Phases of the Moon.—Dec. 28th, Last Quarter, 4h. 40-5m. a.m. Dec. 23rd, in Apogee, 2-9h. a.m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Tuesday, December 24.—Christmas Eve, Bank Holiday. Sun rises, 7h. 8m., Sun sets, 6h. 7m. High water, 1-58m., 1-43a.; Low water, 8-2m., 7-28a.
Wednesday, December 25.—Christmas Day, general holiday. Sun rises, 7h. 9m. Sun sets, 6h. 8m. High water, 2-26m., 2-21a. Low water, 8-44m., 8-2a.
Thursday, December 26.—Banks closed: Christmas holidays. Indian National Congress at Surat. Sun rises, 7h. 9m. Sun sets, 6h. 9m. High water, 2-57m., 3-6a. Low water, 9-26m., 8-39a.
Friday, December 27.—Indian National Congress at Surat. Sun rises, 7h. 9m. Sun sets, 6h. 9m. High water, 3-32m., 4-1a. Low water, 10-18m., 9 26a.
Saturday, December 28.—Indian National Congress at Surat. Sun rises, 7h. 10m. Sun sets, 6h. 10m. High water, 4-15m., 5-10a. Low water, 11-24m. 10-45a.

Sinking of an Yacht.—Mr. Wiseman was launching his yacht Irenee, which was lying off the slopes of Mallet Bunder on Friday night, when it suddenly sank. The cause of its sinking is not known.

Christmas Sports at Dadur.—On Christmas Day at 4 p. m. (S. T.) there will be Sports for children in the School compound of Dr. Antonio da Silva's School, Dadur, when the Bunder Band under the direction of Mr. J. G. Pereira will play a programme of music.

Police Notice.—Some umbrellas, a quantity of bedding 2 bicycle pumps, a silver ornament, a bottle of whisky and a stick, a bag of dates, a candlestick of a carriage lamp, annas twelve, 6 G. C. Notes of Rs. 10 and 1 of Rs. 5, a bunch of keys, an overcoat, a pocket book and insurance receipts, and a dog have been taken charge of by the Police and awaits owner.

Suicide.—Yesterday, Mr. G. F. Chalk, Coroner, held an inquest at Paper Mill Lane, Girgaum Back Road, relative to the death of Bai Baimai (25), daughter of a Parsi merchant Pestonji Hirjibhoy Malegamwala. She had been suffering for some days past from a very severe type of dysentery, so much so that her appetite was gone and she became feeble for want of sustenance. At midnight, her father went to her room to enquire how she was, when he missed her from her bed. Her body was subsequently recovered from a well in the rear of the house. A verdict of suicide was recorded.

Breach of Trust.—On Saturday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Paterson charged Gangaram Raghu, a goldsmith, with criminal breach of trust in respect of silver ornaments valued at Rs. 25 belonging to one Keshavji Jagjivan. It appears from evidence that the complainant gave the accused 12 pairs of anklets to work upon them, two of which the accused did not return but pawned with a Marwari. The accused pleaded guilty and also admitted three previous convictions. He was sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

Fond of Stamps.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Morris charged Khusha Luxman, a Hindu lad, with the theft of foreign stamps of the value of Rs. 5 belonging to Ibrahim Hamishah, a dealer in stamps whose shop is situated in Church Gate Street. It appears from evidence that last Friday the accused stole the stamps from a cupboard in the complainant's shop and was trying to make off with them, when a servant in the employ of the complainant shouted out to a policeman, who arrested the accused. The accused admitted two previous convictions. He was sentenced to receive 12 stripes.

Death of a Distressed Seaman.—Mr. G. F. Chalk, the Coroner of Bombay, held an inquest on Saturday at St. George's Hospital touching the death of a European seaman named Edward Bradbury (50) On Friday Sub-Inspector Power found him lying on the roadside in Modi Cross Lane. He was drunk and incapable. The police officer removed him to the hospital. There were no marks of violence on his body. The police knew that for the last few months he was drinking hard in the country liquor shops. He had no money on him nor were there any marks of violence on his person. In the hospital it was ascertained that he was suffering from alcoholic poisoning. He died at 11-30 p. m. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, which showed that the death was due to alcoholic poison.

HIGH COURT.

A CLAIM FOR HUNDIS.

In the High Court on Saturday the Hon. Mr. Justice Beaman further heard the suit in which the firm of Fatechand Khubchand, shroffs and brokers, claimed the amount of two hundis for Rs. 1,200 each from Borahs Alibhoy Kaderbhoy and Abdulhusen Isaji. The Hon. Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalvad, with Mr. Rustom Wadia, instructed by Messrs. Thakoredas and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Raikes, with the Hon. Mr. Scott, Advocate-General, Mr. J. D. Inverarity, and Mr. F. Sorabji Taleyarkhan, instructed by Messrs. Jamshedji, Rustomji and Devidas, appeared for the second defendant. The first defendant appeared in person. The defence was that these two hundis, as well as several other hundis similar to them, had been fabricated by Musaji, first defendant's brother. The case has been reported when the Hon. Mr. Setalvad opened it for the plaintiff the other day.

Mr. Raikes opened the case for the defence. He remarked that there was the same issue substantially in this case as it was in the case of the Official Assignee vs. Aga Mirza Mahomed Shirazi and others, viz., whether the two signatures of Abdulhusen Isaji were genuine or not? Plaintiffs had lost their money: that could not be helped; the second defendant Abdulhusen was not bound to pay, for it was not through any fault of his that the plaintiffs lost. Abdulhusen's defence was that he did not endorse the hundis. The case in the plaint was that Abdulhusen had endorsed; the answer of the defence to this was that he did not. In support of that denial he showed that he had been out of Bombay from 13th September to 10th December on a pilgrimage to Kerbella, in Arabia. During that period these two and all the other hundis which were in dispute were negotiated, except two, which were negotiated the day after he returned to Bombay, namely, on 10th December. Plaintiffs apparently had chosen to throw in their lot with Musaji and to depend on him. His story they had made the backbone of their case, and to support it by bringing such evidence as they could to corroborate the details. Musaji's story on the issue itself was simple. Before Abdulhusen went on pilgrimage Musaji thought he would want the aid of his endorsements during his absence, so he asked him to endorse 25 or 30 hundis for him. The day after he had got his consent he took the whole batch of the hundis to Abdulhusen, who then and there out of pure friendship endorsed the whole lot. Then Abdulhusen started on his pilgrimage. Musaji had become alarmed lest this lot of hundis would not prove to be enough, though he had not used even one of them up to that time, not till about the middle of October. So he sent off a small supplemental batch of five hundis or so to Abdulhusen for endorsement; these he alleges to have got back only endorsed and he negotiated them. Curious fact rather that he should negotiate hundis of the new batch not after having finished the other, but in the middle of the other lot between the 1st and 10th November, during which period he was throwing on the market the older hundis. Suggestion of the defence with regard to the last five hundis was that they put the whole case out of Court, because the stamp-papers had not been bought while Abdulhusen was in Bombay. Hence the ingenious reply that these were sent after him to Arabia, endorsed there, and returned. This decision would probably govern the cases of the rest of the hundis. When Tagi took Sulemanji to Musaji at Mahim, Sulemanji found Musaji in great distress and repentant; he confessed the forgeries and frauds and handed over the tracings. If there was an identity of form through all, it followed that the signatures were made from the tracings.

Evidence for the defence was proceeded with.

MURDER OF A HUSBAND.

Possessed of a Ghost.

In the High Court, Appellate Side, the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon. Mr. Justice Knight have disposed of an appeal preferred by a woman named Bhagu kom Ballu, accused No. 2, who was convicted by Mr. C. Roper, Sessions Judge of Satara, of murder and sentenced to transportation for life.

There were two accused in the case, the first Raghu bin Vithu, who was acquitted and discharged, and the second accused Bhagu, woman, who was the "pat" or second wife of the deceased Ballu, who was alleged to have been murdered. Her husband had been in Bombay for some time prior to September last and she was living at the village of Londori in the house of her brother Bhau. The latter finding that his sister was on unduly intimate relations with No 1, who was living in his house as a tenant, went to Bombay and brought Ballu, the husband, back with him to Londori. On arrival, Ballu, in the hearing of his wife, expressed his intention of taking her away with him to Bombay after the Gowri festival. Shortly after that Ballu disappeared. Search and enquiry were made, and after some days accused No. 2, feigning to be possessed of a ghost, told her brother and the patel of the village that she knew Ballu's corpse was in the limits of the village, and undertook to point it out next morning. She carried out her promise, and Ballu's corpse was found at the foot of a hill, a mark of injury being observed on the left side of his face. The police were informed, and subsequently both the accused confessed their guilt to the Magistrate at Patan. In the opinion of the Sessions Judge, the evidence against No. 2, the wife of the deceased, was convincing beyond all doubt. She admitted having pointed out her husband's corpse to the patel and alleged that it was accused No. 1 who really showed her the body first. The evidence, however, satisfied Mr. Roper that the woman herself showed the body without any intervention on the part of the accused No. 1. There could be no doubt, said the Sessions Judge, that, becoming afraid, she conceived the plan of pretending to have supernatural powers and so being able to discover her husband's body. The fact that she knew where the body was and did not tell any one anything until some days had elapsed since her husband's disappearance justified a certain inference that she also knew how he came by his death. If he had died as the result of a fall she would have disclosed the fact at once. There was evidence of motive, as some of the witnesses deposed to the fact that there was a public rumour as to the two accused being in improper intimacy and so the woman would want to get rid of her husband in order to avoid going with him to Bombay. Even if accused No. 1, who was about 17 or 18 years of age, was concerned in the murder, he was in a large degree, in the opinion of the Sessions Judge, the tool of No. 2, and he was acquitted and discharged. No. 2 was convicted and sentenced to transportation for life.

Their Lordships rejected the appeal.

RIGHTS OF A LESSEE.

In the High Court the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon. Mr. Justice Knight have disposed of a suit in which the original plaintiffs and respondents, Damodar Moreshwar Gole and others, sued the defendant appellants, Dorabji Jamsetji Tata and another, to recover Rs. 1,984-14-0 and to obtain a perpetual injunction restraining the defendants from offering any obstruction to their selling of the trees growing on the land specified in the plaint and from doing any other act as proprietors in connection with the trees. The Hon. the Advocate-General with Mr. Coyajee appeared for the appellants, the respondents being represented by Messrs J. R. Gharpure and A. G. Desai.

The plaintiffs are lessors of the land on which the Ahmedabad Advance Spinning and Weaving Company erected certain buildings. The Company mortgaged its premises to defendants. It subsequently went into voluntary liquidation. At an auction sale the mill was purchased by the defendants. Since the date of the sale the defendants have stepped into the shoes of the original lessees. Plaintiffs preferred several claims against the defendant, but most of them were disallowed. The last claim was for injunction referred to above. The original suit was decided by the First Class Subordinate Judge of Ahmedabad, who allowed the claim of the plaintiffs. In appeal the District Judge of Ahmedabad confirmed the decree of the lower Court. Against this decision an appeal was admitted in the High Court, and their Lordships at the outset observed that the question in the appeal was whether the lower Courts were right in the construction which they have put on the lease by holding that the lessors were entitled to take the fruits of the trees standing upon the land in possession of the lessee. The lease, their Lordships remarked, was a demise of the whole land and therefore must include everything which stands upon it. That would include the fruit of the trees. Of course the lessee would not be entitled to cut the trees, but "prima facie" they would be entitled to enjoy the fruits. After reviewing the evidence in the case, their Lordships held that this was a case in which they should apply the maximum "the grantor shall not derogate from his own grant." Therefore their Lordships said that they must differ from the lower Courts upon the construction which they have put upon the lease and amend the decree by dissolving the injunction granted.

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Matriculation.

The results of the Bombay University Examination for Matriculation were announced on Saturday. There were in all 2,553 candidates, of whom 1,121 have passed successfully. There were 51 lady candidates, of whom 25 have passed successfully. The following are the numbers of the successful candidates:—

1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 23, 24, 27, 28, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 56, 58, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 73, 77, 85, 86, 88, 89, 92, 93, 94, 95, 98, 99, 103, 104, 106, 108, 110, 114, 115, 116, 117, 119, 122, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 132, 133, 135, 136, 142, 144, 145, 148, 149, 152, 154, 155, 158, 160, 164, 166, 170, 171, 172, 176, 177, 179, 183, 184, 186, 187, 188, 196, 198, 199, 202, 203, 205, 206, 209, 210, 211, 212, 217, 218, 223, 224, 229, 231, 235 236, 242, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 253, 254, 255, 258, 261, 262, 263, 264, 268, 269, 271, 272, 273, 275, 278, 281, 284, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 300, 302, 305, 310, 311, 312, 313, 316, 318, 321, 325, 327, 328, 331, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 344, 347, 349, 350, 353, 356, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 364, 365, 366, 371, 372, 372, 373, 375, 380, 386, 387, 389, 391, 392, 394, 396, 397, 401, 402, 403, 405, 406, 410, 412, 413, 418 419, 422, 430, 434, 437, 438, 445, 446, 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No. 841—The second Rao Sir Pragmalji Scholarship.
No. 402—The Sir George LeGrand Jacob Scholarship.
No. 1131—The Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy and the Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed Scholarships.
No. 2412—The Sir Frank Souter Scholarship.
No. 1622—The Bhau Saheb Desai Scholarship.
No. 1566—The Bhau Saheb Desai Scholarship.
No. 1529—The James Greaves Scholarship.
No. 34—The Divan Bahadur Lakshman Jagannath Vaidya Scholarship.
No. 209—The Lady Reay Medical Scholarship, the Miss Yamunabai Atmaram Dalvi Scholarship and the Chatfield Prize.
No. 246—The Vallabhdas Valji Scholarship
No. 919—The R. M. Sayani Khoja Testimonial Scholarship.
No. 1132—The Dosabhai Framji Cama Scholarship.
No. 132—The Uttamram Memorial and the Rajaram Govindram Scholarships.
No. 912—The Ebrahim Nurdin Scholarship.
No 2043—The Chatfield Scholarship.
No 325—The Rao Bahadur Karamsi Danji Scholarship.
No. 969—The Byramjee Nusserwanjee Koyajee Scholarship and Silver Medal.

THE L. M. AND S. EXAMINATION.

The results of the L. M. and S. Examination were also announced on Saturday. There were in all 152 candidates, of whom 49 have passed succesly, including one Parsi lady. Mr. Rustomji Billimoria gets the Balkrishna Sudanji prize and the J. C. Lisboa gold medal. Miss Nagubai M. Joshi gets the Queen Empress silver medal, the scholarship of the Medical Women for India Fund of 1883, the Lady Reay silver medal and prize, and the Bai Hirabai P. H. Cama gold medal. The following are the names of the successful candidates.

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Davar, Suntook Nanabhoy	Modi, Jal Maneckji
Dholakia, Vasantrai Chhabilaram	Modi, Nenchand K
Doctor, K B Sorabji	Modi, Rustom Dhunjibhoy
D'Santos-Vaz, Joaquim	Moskovitch, Rose
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Gangaramani, Rewachand Gopaldas	Pais, Raphael Ubaldino
Gaya, Abdulsattar Ayoob	Parekh, Ranchhoddas Manmohandas
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Bhansali, Parbhudas Gokuldas	Raval, Shivshankar Virji
Coutinho, Constaucio	Rodrigues, M A
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THE ROMANCE OF MEDICINE.

No subject of investigation can be of more importance to man than the diseases to which the race is prone and their prevention or cure. But the importance of the healing art is equalled by the fascination of its history and the rapid development of medicine within the last hundred years is full of the most romantic episodes, which afford as good reading as a story of adventure or a fairy tale. This is exemplified by a book called "The Romance of Medicine," which a Scotsman, Dr. Macfie, has just produced with the laudable intention of familiarising the public with some of the more sensational medical discoveries of recent times and the manner in which they came about. By the discovery of antiseptics and anæsthetics in the Victorian era and their subsequent perfection, surgery has of late made the most miraculous advances and it is useful to have in print accurate statements of the more remarkable operations. "Nowadays the surgeon opens the abdomen with as much *sangfroid* as a tailor slits up a seam," and of course the removal of the appendix is one of the commonest of operations. We hear of an Aberdeen surgeon opening up the abdomen simply to squeeze the heart, a species of massage which saved the life of a suffocating woman. Sometimes the whole stomach has been cut away and the patients did not seem to miss that supposedly indispensable organ. Then we have cases of extensive wounds in the heart which were successfully stitched up by daring surgeons, of skulls sawn through and malignant tumours in the brain excised, of intestines curtailed and sewn together again. Surgeons also can fill the rôle of beauty doctors and not seldom exercise a benignant influence over the human form divine by smoothing wrinkles, making dimples, correcting squints, improving the shape of noses or actually fabricating new noses, and transplanting skin. There are various methods of making noses, and Mr. Stephen Paget wrote that "in some cases it is perfectly easy in a few minutes to make a very fairly good-looking nose." "A nose that had been perfectly flat and ape-like for many years might be made at least unnoticeable, so that it would not destroy and hinder a man through life." In fact the present volume bears ample testimony to the truth of the current belief that the progress in surgery has been altogether out of proportion to that of medicine proper. In medicine the greatest improvements have been secured in connection with prevention rather than cure; for instance, in the category of anti-toxins some signal triumphs have been scored in the present generation.

It is a remarkable fact the greatest names amongst the successors of Hippocrates and Galen are Anglo-Saxon. Harvey, whose discovery of the circulation of the blood is the bed-rock of modern medicine, was an Englishman, so was Jenner, the hero of vaccination. The men who discovered the practical utility of ether and laughing gas were Americans, and Simpson, who achieved the incomparably more valuable introduction of chloroform as an anæsthetic, was a Scot. Lord Lister, the founder of antiseptic and aseptic surgery, *is* an Englishman who made his discoveries in Scotland. Coming to the most prominent of recent discoveries we find the names of Ross and Haffkine, the first presumably a Scotsman, the second at least a naturalised Briton. Pasteur alone amongst scientists who have recently made medical discoveries of first rate importance was a complete foreigner. Whatever be the explanation of this peculiarity, whether the necessary union of patience, invention, practical skill and moral courage be favoured by the climate of the British Isles or be the special product of racial temperament, the fact is exceedingly satisfactory and significant. We do not deny that the practical discoveries we have enumerated were in some cases the outcome of the laboratory research of others, but the man who takes the final step and converts an abstract proposition into a practicle formula is the one who most directly benefits humanity. Thus a Frenchman introduced the microbe of malaria to the world, but it was left to Major Ronald Ross to solve the problem of its entrance into the human blood and thereby to provide a remedy against the ravages of malaria. It is not too much to say that the investigations of Major Ross—some of them in the nature of heroic experiments—have been the means of rendering life in the tropics for the first time safe for the European and saving countless lives in malaria-ridden countries. Some European countries even are so infested by the deadly "anopheles" that the population is degenerating apace. Greece, where flourished the highest civilisation the world has known, presents the sad prospect of a race rendered daily more emaciated and anæmic through malaria. Indeed it is not unusual for a third part of the inhabitants to be prostrated in a single year. Preventive nets—let alone inoculation are quite sufficient to stem the tide of this national plague, now that the method of infection has been ascertained. Again, the mosquito has been convicted of causing Yellow Fever, and the book before us describes the heroic investigations of a band of American doctors in Cuba seven years ago, by which the hitherto unproved suspicion was substantiated.

With regard to vaccination—the inoculation of the human body with a serum of cow-pox as a protection against the more dangerous small-pox—there is nothing actually new to be said. But it is perhaps not generally known that a rudimentary vaccination with crude small-pox pustules taken from a patient was practised by the Turks and other Eastern peoples long before European doctors had succeeded in mitigating the attacks of the most destructive disease of the middle ages. The famous Lady Mary Wortley Montague wrote in 1717 a historic letter on the subject when her husband was Ambassador at the Porte, and the matter at once came into public notice. Before the middle of the century many thousands of persons had been inoculated, but though these particular individuals benefited, they served to disseminate the disease among the uninoculated. It was not until the end of the 18th century, when the great Jenner adopted an injection of the non-infectious vaccine that the extirpation of small-pox as an epidemic became practicable. The practice soon became world-wide and Jenner became the most famous man of his generation. Poems, addresses and diplomas poured in upon him from all parts of the world, and even the ed Indians sent an address and a string of wampum. This appreciation by the untutored savage should shame those prejudiced persons in the United Kingdom who still question the efficacy of vaccination with less excuse than the ignorant in India hold aloof from the recently invented plague serum of Mr. Haffkine. Since the discovery of vaccination the adoption of antiseptics and anæsthetics has saved more lives than any other invention of the human mind. Pasteur's cure for hydrophobia was, it is true, a work of the highest genius accomplished with immense patience and at considerable danger—as we can read of it in connection with a powerful bull-dog which resisted experimentation—but the number of the victims of hydrophobia is not exactly legion even in India. But in the days before Lister forty-five per cent. of surgical amputations proved fatal owing to the entrance of microbes and consequent suppuration, whilst the adoption of his treatment some forty years ago reduced the fatal cases to one-third of the former sum. More sensational, however, was Simpson's introduction of chloroform for operations and in midwifery exactly sixty years ago, and it must be said that no single invention has alleviated or will continue to alleviate human pain to so great an extent as this. Before 1847 a surgeon had need to be a man of the most iron nerve assisted in operations by a troop of giants to hold down the victim who struggled to be free like a poor animal in a trap. The descriptions of the operating room of old time such as we read in "The Romance of Medicine" are heart-rending, and it is not surprising that so large a number of patients succumbed to nervous shock and actual paralysing fear. Had we space we should quote in detail the account of Dr. Simpson's experiments in anæsthetics. They were conducted in his drawing-room after a hard day's work, and the reward of long labour was achieved when he and his friends, after trying various substances in vain, inhaled a quantity of chloroform and fell with much noise prostrate on the floor, nearly upsetting the supper-table in the process. Within a fortnight of this dramatic scene chloroform had been administered by Dr. Simpson to fifty patients at Edinburgh. The safety and reliability of the greatest medical boon which this or any other generation had received was finally and indisputably established. Needless to say a book which deals with such remarkable and stirring events, and deals with them in a vivid manner, will provide good reading to all who care for man, his life and welfare.

THE LATE SIR JOHN STRACHEY.

A HIGHLY distinguished career has been closed in the fulness of years by the death of Sir John Strachey in his eighty-fifth year. Born in June 1823 he joined the Civil Service of the Honourable East India Company as far back as 1842, and had already served his Honourable Masters for sixteen years when the Company closed its memorable career in 1858. He served the Crown for a little more than as many years and retired from the Civil Service just thirty-one years ago in December 1876. During these thirty-four years' service he had outshone all his rivals and had filled all the highest posts open to a Civilian. He had been member of the Viceroy's Council for the full period, and was Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Provinces, now called the United Provinces, when he retired. He had even become acting Viceroy for three weeks in February 1872, when Lord Mayo was assassinated and before Lord Napier of Merchistown, the Governor of Madras, who was authorised by Statute to fill temporarily the high post, could go up to Calcutta for the purpose. It would have been well for Sir John Strachey had his career in India ended with his retirement from the Civil Service, of which he was a brilliant ornament. But he was tempted to stay here longer by Lord Lytton, who made him the Finance Member of his Council, and in the end this post ruined his great reputation and he left it in December 1880 under a cloud. The Afghan War had occurred to disturb and overturn all his calculations, and in the end the large surplus that he had shown in his last budget turned out to be a large deficit. It was through no fault of his, but it was very damaging to him and he never quite recovered from the discredit. After 1876, too, he saw the late Sir Richard Temple, his junior by three years, step to the very high post of Governor of Bombay to which he had looked forward, and also gain a Baronetcy which never fell to his lot. Nor was he ever made a Privy Councillor, though Sir Richard Temple and a much younger man, Sir Alfred Lyall, have enjoyed this distinction. His active career practically ended in his departure from India in 1880 on his giving over the financial portfolio to Lord Cromer. Thereafter for ten years from 1885 to 1895 he served on the Secretary of State's Council of India and had much influence in Indian matters, especially with Sir Henry Fowler, whose judicious decision on the question of simultaneous examinations, about which the House of Commons had passed an embarrassing resolution, was said to be owing to Sir John's advice. He continued to the very last, though far advanced in years, to take a keen interest in Indian questions of the day, of which an instance was furnished not quite two years ago, when in conjunction with his brother he wrote a powerful article in one of the Reviews on the principles involved in the resignation of Lord Curzon as Viceroy.

This collaboration with his brother was a feature of his career. This brother, Sir Richard Strachey, was his senior by six years, having been born in July 1817, and survives him, being at present in his 91st year. Sir Richard came out so far back as 1836 to Bombay as an Engineer Officer, but soon got himself transferred to Bengal, where he distinguished himself much like his brother. The two brothers followed very closely in all the higher posts. For a time the elder brother was Finance Member during the younger's absence, and he took much interest in the finances of India. This made the two collaborate upon a work called the "Finances and Public Works of India," which gives a valuable and clear exposition of a tangled subject. Sir John Strachey was invited by the Cambridge University to deliver a course of lectures on Indian Government and kindred subjects to Civil Service students and others, just as it had invited Professor Max Müller to lecture before them on ancient Indian literature. This course of lectures he published in 1888 in what has become a standard and valuable book. He issued a third and much revised edition five years ago. This book has also been translated into French by M. Harmand, some time French Consul at Calcutta. Sir John Strachey had, like his close friend and colleague for some time in the Viceroy's Council, the late Sir James FitzJames Stephen, turned his attention to the charges brought by interested and partial assailants against Warren Hastings. Just as Sir James Stephen took up the charge about Nundcomar and showed in his masterly "Nundcomar and Impey" those charges to be wholly false and baseless, Sir John Strachey investigated the charge against Hastings about his alleged ill-treatment of the Rohillas, and showed conclusively in his work "Hastings and the Rohilla War," that the first Governor-General was not harsh in his treatment of this tribe who were far from deserving the eulogy which Macaulay in his error has bestowed on them. Sir John wielded a powerful pen and his writings are all forceful and interesting. Old as he was he was not the father of the Civil Service, for that honour seems to belong to Mr. Robert Needham Cust, who is more than two years his senior, having been born in February 1821. Sir Alexander Arbuthnot, who died a few months ago, was only nine months Sir John's senior, and their careers in the Civil Service dated from the same year, 1872.

AN AWFUL SUGGESTION.

THE *Daily Chronicle* has made a fearful discovery that Government statistics are unreliable. We have long regarded Blue Books lovingly, have gazed at the serried rows of figures and wished for a comprehension great enough to grasp their meaning. And now we learn it is useless. What is to become of the Blue Books? Are we to cast them from us? They will still retain their favourite split infinitives and other little jousts with grammar, but their crowning glory is gone. No more can we turn reverently to Appendix R, Section 97, and glancing at the coldly official signature at the bottom wonder still "that one small head could carry all he knew." One cannot be angry with the *Daily Chronicle* however painful it may be to lose one's illusions. For, after all is it not true, as that journal remarks, that statements have often been classified as "lies,—lies and statistics"? And every cloud has a silver lining. That in this case is that every Department has a different way of compiling statistics, looks through different ends of the telescope, in fact, just as Tariff Reformers and Free Fooders do, and all one has to do is to learn the keys to understand it all. But lesser minds reel at the thought of weilding the nimble *x* and finding a ratio between the permutations of the Board of Trade and the India Office, Cabinet Ministers, of course, possess secret keys and the Prime Minister has the whole thing reduced to the lowest common multiple or some other such thing. Yet here again is a ray of hope. Even Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was caught the other day. This does not imply that lower persons may some day hope to learn. It means, in the words of Sir Charles Dilke that "such is the confusion between the figures of different departments concerning the same subject that there are branches of inquiry where no amount of research can reconcile the discrepancies or elucidate the facts." Other countries have Imperial Statistics Departments and Sir Charles Dilke advocates the same in England. Meanwhile let us carry but a hope that, some day, our statistics will be given back to us in all their virgin purity, with characters wiped clean of the dreadful smirch of Departmental System.

SIR LANCELOT HARE arrived in Calcutta on Saturday and Mr. Bell Irving only in the small hours of the morning as a breakdown detained him near Asansol for several hours.

THE appointment of Mr. Butler as Foreign Secretary, we learn, is greatly appreciated at Lucknow, where he is wonderfully popular. His departure from the station is regretted.

DR. BOMFORD, I. M. S., Director-General, Indian Medical Service, who had been on a brief visit to Madras, and Mr. Stevenson Moore, Director-General Criminal Investigation Department, left Madras for Calcutta on Saturday night.

GOVERNMENT have sanctioned as a special case a grant of Rs. 20,000 from Provincial funds to the Municipal Council of Bellary to meet the charge in connection with plague preventive measures.

THE managing Committee of the Bhatia Mitra Mandal has resolved to present a complimentary address to Mr. Dwarkadas Dharamsey, J. P., a member of this Association, on his nomination as the first Sheriff of Bombay out of the members of the Bhatia community. A sub-committee has been appointed to make the necessary preparation. The day will be fixed hereafter.

THE gross revenue from Indian Customs duties for the eight months ending the 30th November shows a very marked increase over the similar returns of last year. The total of Sea Customs is nearly Rs. 392 lakhs as against Rs. 335, one of the principal increase being in cotton manufactures. The duties realised upon these exceed a crore of rupees as against Rs. 85 lakhs in 1906. The duties realised in 1903-04 amounted to only Rs. 64 lakhs.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE MOROCCAN OUTLOOK.

German Parliamentary Crisis.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
PARIS, DECEMBER 7.

The Socialist Deputies in the French Chamber have again been at their congenial work of creating difficulties for France in Morocco, thereby playing directly into the hands of Germany, which maintains its policy of aloofness, reserve and distrust towards France in all that concerns Moroccan affairs. Owing to the fact that General Lyautey has been given a free hand to settle the unrest on the Moorish-Algerian frontier, an authority conferred much too tardily it may be observed, M. Vaillant, one of the Socialist leaders in the Chamber, thought fit to express his anxiety lest the army might thereby be induced to extend the field of operations in Morocco and utilize the present campaign as a means of obtaining advancement. President Brisson, amid the applause of the House, advised the Socialist speaker to moderate his language and not to make gratuitous insinuations. M. Vaillant, however, had the effrontery to attempt to justify his attitude by reading to the House an article published the other day by the semi-official "North German Gazette" commenting in the most malevolent terms upon French action in Morocco. The speaker could scarcely have been unaware that the utterances of an organ so biassed against France as the "North German Gazette" could carry no weight with the French Chamber.

M. Pichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs, in reply to M. Vaillant could only repeat what he had said several times before. The military and civil elements at Ujda were in complete agreement and both possessed the confidence of the Government. No government had the right to suspect the intentions of France, who desired solely to defend her rights, and could not allow any Power to take the place in Morocco that belonged to France.

For some time past I have not been able in these letters to take a very hopeful view of the state of affairs in Morocco, nor can I do so now. General Lyautey has a difficult task in repelling the constant attacks of the Bini Snassen and other tribesmen on the frontier. These fierce and hardy raiders fight with superb dash, indifferent to the ravages made in their ranks by the death-dealing French artillery. They have had a few partial successes and do not yet appear to be in any way discouraged. At Casablanca General Drude is still in a defensive position, holding his own but no more, and unable, for political or military reasons or both, to make any effective advance into the interior. Sultan Abdul Aziz seems to be losing ground on all sides.

The disastrous defeat of his army, with the loss of its guns, 30 miles south of Rabat has injured his prestige, and as the greater part of the troops, numbering in all between 4,000 and 5,000, fled and eventually joined the rebels, he is left without an adequate force to defend Rabat should the necessity arise. Meanwhile Mulai Hafid is reported to have left Marakesh and to be proceeding to the coast with a strong army. Rumour, too, has it that Mequinez has proclaimed Mulai Hafid, and doubtless the Berber tribes surrounding that city will follow its example. Abdul Aziz is absolutely destitute of funds and cannot therefore make any important effort. Tangier has been almost deserted of troops, who have all been sent to the south, and wholesale cattle robberies and pillaging have recommenced in the surrounding districts.

Raisuli constitutes another disturbing element in the situation. For some time past the British Government has had charge of the negotiations with this personage for the release of Kaid Sir Harry Maclean. It is understood that an agreement has been arrived at, but it is not yet known exactly what the terms are. They will, however, be extremely high. Raisuli will receive the Governorship of a district, a number of his followers, at present captives of the Maghzen, are to be released, and Raisuli is to receive a money indemnity larger than anything paid as ransom to any brigand chief in the world before. The British Government cannot help itself if the captive Kaid is to be released. Raisuli may well become a power to be reckoned with, even should Mulai Hafid succeed in overthrowing his brother Abdul Aziz. There is much trouble ahead.

GERMAN PARLIAMENTARY CRISIS.

The past week has been an eventful one in Berlin. Symptoms of revolt have been manifested by the party coalition in the Reichstag, known as the bloc, which was formed after the general election last year, to support the Government and enable it to defy the powerful Centre party with which the Imperial Chancellor was at one time on such excellent terms. But the German army scandals and the question of the fresh taxation necessary to cover the large deficit in the Imperial estimates and the increased expenditure for naval expansion and other items have been exercising a disintegrating effect upon the three parties, Conservatives, Radicals and National Liberals, forming the bloc, and it was foreseen that the Imperial Chancellor would find difficulty in retaining the undivided support of these rather incongruous elements. Speaking early in the week, Prince Bulow treated Herr Harden's story concerning the existence of a Court camarilla, enjoying the Emperor's confidence and exercising a controlling influence over German policy, as a mischievous fiction. He also repudiated the imputations of serious corruption made by Dr. Spahn, the Leader of the Centre party, against the German army generally.

The military authorities might be trusted to stamp out any signs of such corruption, but the German army like the German people, were sound and untainted. Germany was no Sodom and there was no analogy between the German army and the conditions which prevailed in the Roman Empire during its decline.

Notwithstanding Prince Bulow's strenuous contradictions, dissatisfaction prevailed in the "Bloc." The National Liberals in particular regarded the replies made by the War Minister to several questions regarding the late scandals as inadequate. No reply at all was vouchsafed to the enquiry of Herr Bassermann, the National Liberal Leader in the Reichstag, as to why Count Lynar was allowed to retire with a pension and why Count Hohenau was placed on half-pay without official investigation in either case. These criticisms were followed up next day, the 3rd inst., by an attack upon the War Minister, General von Einem, by Dr. Paasche, another prominent National Liberal First Vice-President of the Reichstag, who disputed the official view that only one untrustworthy witness, a soldier named Bollhardt, could be produced in support of the scandalous allegations made against certain officers. Dr. Paasche went on to say that he had in his possession letters written by Count von Hohenau to Bollhardt, the soldier who gave evidence in private at the Harden trial and dated from "Imperial Headquarters, Wilhelmshohe." The speaker produced a packet of these letters, and also a photograph of Count von Hohenau in uniform, which the latter, he said, had given to Bollhardt.

Dr. Paasche declared that he could mention the names of high officers of the Potsdam Garrison who knew of the alleged practices of Count Lynar and Count von Hohenau long before the Harden trial, and who were aware that certain ribald songs were hummed by young cavalry officers when Count Kuno von Moltke came to mess. The speaker believed that the War Minister could not help knowing that more evidence with regard to the scandals existed that the authorities were willing to admit. He appealed to the sworn testimony of Major von Hulsen at the Moltke-Harden trial who had stated that the propensities of Count Hohenau and Count Lynar were known in the army and that similar proclivities were attributed to Count Moltke.

The Minister of War was not in the Reichstag when Dr. Paasche spoke, and only replied on the following day, 4th inst. He declared that both Count Lynar and Count Hohenau had placed themselves at the disposal of the Court and that their trial would pursue its appointed course. He emphatically denied that he had sought to excuse the inculpated officers. The Minister spoke in very forcible terms, which were received with approval by the Right, and with manifestations of scepticism on the Left, among the National Liberals as well as among the Radicals and Social Democrats. As soon as he had finished speaking, a motion for the adjournment of the House was made by the "Bloc" parties and at once carried in the midst of a tremendous uproar.

Before the sitting Prince Bulow called a meeting of the leaders of the parties forming the governmental majority at which he informed them that there was no prospect of conducting business in the spirit of the policy which was inaugurated last December if the "Bloc" parties continued to attack the Government and one another in the Reichstag. The Imperial Chancellor accordingly suggested the adjournment of the House in order to give the "Bloc" an opportunity of discussing the situation and of considering its own position. After the adjournment of the Reichstag Prince Bulow plainly intimated that unless he received unmistakeable proofs of confidence from the "Bloc" parties he would feel compelled to tender his resignation to the Emperor. The leaders of the Conservative, Radical and National Liberal groups thereupon held a meeting at which it was agreed to make a demonstration in the Reichstag in support of the Imperial Chancellor and the "Bloc" policy. Dr. Paasche the same evening had a conference with the Minister of War at which satisfactory assurances were exchanged. It was in the Reichstag sitting of the 5th instant that the leaders of the three "Bloc" parties fulfilled their engagement by rising one after the other to declare that they would honestly and sincerely support the Imperial Chancellor in his policy. Dr. Paasche agreed to place the material in his possession regarding the army scandals at the disposal of the War Minister, in whom it was declared that the "Bloc" parties continued to have every confidence. These successive acts of submission were received with a running fire of derisive interruptions from the Centre and the Social Democrats which partly drowned the cheers of the members of the "Bloc." During the tumult the first reading of the Imperial estimates and of the new Navy were passed without further discussion.

Prince Bulow will now probably reassume his place at the head of the government majority. The vote of confidence which he has received from the leaders of the three parties will render it very difficult for them to adopt an uncompromising attitude towards the government when the financial and other important outstanding proposals come to be submitted. The result is in fact a triumph for Prince Bulow, who has managed to throw all the responsibility for the crisis upon the "Bloc" and thus to safeguard his own position. Nevertheless the situation for the government is beset with difficulty. The question of ways and means looms as large as ever, and a financial deadlock practically exists, for while a very large increase of expenditure is demanded, no proposals have yet been submitted by the Government for covering it. We hear only of various tentative suggestions, and the National Liberals at least are known to have dissented from the views of the government's financial advisers.

THE POLISH EXPROPRIATION BILL.

Prince Bulow's success in the Reichstag is somewhat marred by the fact that the Committee of the Prussian Diet has rejected by 18 to 9 votes the Prussian Government Bill for the expropriation of Polish landlords in Prussian Poland. The parties in opposition included not only the Radicals, the Centre and the Poles, but also the Conservatives. The National Liberals and the Free Conservatives alone voted for the measure.

The Imperial Chancellor may now perhaps be induced to drop this drastic measure which makes such a heavy demand on the Prussian Budget at a most inopportune moment. It has had the effect also of raising a storm of indignation among the Poles in the Rhenish provinces, where they have multiplied greatly, and also among the Austrian Poles. At Lemberg there has already been a demonstration of 10,000 Poles during which the windows of the German Consulate were smashed and effigies of the Kaiser, Prince Bulow and Baron von Aerenthal were burned.

The Slaves in Austria, joined by the Austrian, Italian group in the Reichsrath, protest against the Prussian expropriation scheme.

GERMANY AND GREAT BRITAIN.

In a statement dealing with Germany's foreign policy, Prince Bulow, speaking in the Reichstag, expressed his gratification with the reception which had been accorded to the Emperor and Empress by King and people in England. He believed that when the history of the last ten years came to be written the cloud on Anglo-German relations, which had thrown its shadow over the world far too long, would be found to have sprung from a great misunderstanding on both sides. Both England and Germany had suspected each other of intentions which neither of them entertained. The labours of the Press and of far-sighted persons had borne fruit in the interests of peace and of the welfare of the two nations, as was abundantly proved by the welcome accorded to the Emperor and Empress. He believed that he was expressing the sentiments of the House and of the whole German nation when he said that these peaceful and friendly feelings were sincerely reciprocated.

G. D. WILLIAMS.

RIVAL PRIESTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Since the demise of the late Shankaracharya of Sankeshwar Matha a dispute has been going on between his two chelas as to the right of succession to the deceased. The senior chela is said to have lost his claim by having acknowledged the right of vedic ritual for the Maharaja of Kolhapur. The junior claimant was adopted by the late Shankaracharya as his successor after the above declaration by the senior, who asserts that such an adoption during his lifetime is in contravention of the shastras and against immemorial custom, and creates no rights whatsoever in favour of the junior. Both of them are moving in the districts to beg tributes from the disciples of Shankaracharya and to have each acknowledged as their religious head. People are in a fix as to whom to pay homage.

Though the senior Swami has declared the Maharaja of Kolhapur vedic, it is feared that the rest of the Maratha community is still looked upon as a vedic even by the Swami and his selfish wily Brahmin followers. The Swami is shrewd enough to withhold a clear and decisive declaration on this point. There are many other classes like Parchas and Pachkalsies, much advanced in intellectual culture and habits, to whom the Brahmins do not concede the right of vedic ritual. It is high time for such to have their racial religious rights and privileges asserted and settled on a firm and solid basis of equality. There should be no payment without due acknowledgment. The ways of approaching God are the same to all mortals. Why should there be a difference of ritual it is impossible to conceive.

The Marathas are a very large community spreading over a great portion of this peninsula. They have among them ruling Princes, Rajas, Chiefs, Sardars, Jahagirdars, and Landholders. Why should they not have for their religious head one of their own class? They will then enjoy a larger freedom of religion, which is the birthright of every man, and have the necessary reforms speedily introduced among themselves, and will make their existence more respectable and felt among the other communities than at present. Look at the Saraswat classes, some of which are only knots of people originally inhabiting the southern part of the Ratnagiri District and Goa. They are a spirited race and have held their own against the crafty class from the beginning in matters of religion. They have had nothing to do with Shankaracharya and have swamis and priests of their own, learned in the vedic lore, who administer to all their spiritual affairs. The first Shankaracharya was a disciple of Gaud Padacharya who was a Saraswat or Shenoi. Why should not our Maratha brethren take a lesson from the Saraswat classes and have their own religious toleration? The time when learning was confined to the Brahmins alone is long gone by. We are moving in an age of freedom of religion. It is time to throw off the yoke of religious servitude and bondage which has been found to be an oppressive burden. I pray the educated Marathas to be up and doing to enlighten their class fellows who are left in the dark as regards their rights and privileges in religion. A Shankaracharya from among themselves will better understand their religious, social and moral wants and requirements than a stranger of another sect who has the least sympathy for their weal or woe. We do not want crafty men to prescribe the performance of our duties of love and obedience to God.—Yours, etc.,

B. B. N.

December 20.

BISHOP WELLDON AND THE HIGHER CRITICISM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In the sense in which Mr. Hirst uses "sincere" I daresay Bishops are sincere, excessively so. What I deny is that they can approach such controversies without the strongest bias, intellectual and moral. No man can be a judge in his own cause. It may surprise Mr. Hirst to learn that Butler's Analogy" was a favourite book of mine thirty years ago. I never denied the "scholarship" of Bishops or the clergy. Why will people go out of their way to cloud controversy with side issues? Westcott's book on Immortality has many beautiful thoughts, is written in a beautiful style, and, what is better reveals a beautiful character. None the less it exhibits plainly enough in more than one place defects which naturally flow from precisely the bias I deprecate. Here I withdraw from the controversy. I do not desire to indulge in personalities, and my opponents appear to prefer them to attacking the positions, very simple positions, I took up.—Yours, &c.,

TSCHU.

OPENING THE DRUCE GRAVE.

HOME OFFICE GIVES SANCTION.

Sensational Moment Approaching.

EARLY DATE FIXED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The Home Office has consented to the opening of the Druce grave. It is understood that it will take place after Christmas.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The Druce Grave will be opened after Christmas in the presence of the Home Office Authorities and of Representatives of both sides.

Mr. Caldwell, the witness, who escaped arrest for perjury by leaving for America, has been arrested at the request of the British Authorities on his arrival at New York. He learned of the issue of the warrant by wireless telegraphy while on board ship.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

The Druce witness, Mr. Caldwell, who was arrested in New York has been pronounced desperately ill and has been released on bail of five thousand dollars.

THE NEW INDIAN ARCH-BISHOP.

Imposition of the Pallium.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

A telegram from Rome states that Cardinal Segna yesterday imposed the Pallium on the Rev. Father Jurgens, who was represented by Monsignor Tampiers.

NEW PACIFIC SQUADRON.

Prompt Denial of a Rumour.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The "Standard" says that the Admiralty has decided to establish a Pacific-North American Squadron next May, consisting of the Fourth Cruiser Squadron and six cruisers of the County Class. It is believed that its base will be Esquimalt.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The Admiralty gives the most emphatic contradiction to the statement of the "Standard" regarding the formation of a North American Squadron.

COLLIERY EXPLOSION IN AMERICA.

Hopeless Position of the Entombed.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

Over two hundred are entombed at Darr Colliery, Pittsburg.

Their position is hopeless.

THE PALERMO EXPLOSION.

From the Frying Pan into the Fire.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

Forty-three dead and a hundred injured have been recovered from the ruins at Palermo.

LATER.

Most of the victims of the Palermo Explosion were immigrants who had returned from America.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

One View of the Pacific Cruise.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

Mr. Taft interviewed in New York said that it was nonsense to think that the Japanese were Anti-American. They were not concerned at the Pacific Cruise, which they considered a mere naval test.

THE COTTON DISPUTE.

Lock-out Fixed for Mid January.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The Manchester Cotton Employers Federation has fixed January 18th for the lock-out. 150,000 will be affected.

IRISH M. P. IMPRISONED.

A Respite from Mr. Ginnel.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

At Dublin, Mr. Ginnel, M.P., has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for Contempt of Court in a speech connected with cattle-driving.

THE HARDEN TRIAL.

Royal Evidence in Camera.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

The Court, which is trying the Harden case, is taking the evidence of Prince Philip Eulenburg and others in camera.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The hearing of the Harden Case has been continued in camera. It is stated that attempts are being made to effect a reconciliation between Harden and Moltke.

THE PORT SAID STRIKE.

Colliers Join.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

Lloyd's Agent at Port Said states that a strike of coal-heavers has begun. Considerable delay to the steamers is expected.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

Lloyd's Agent at Port Said telegraphs that the Strike has spread to the colliers and has now become general.

THE AUSTRIAN EMPEROR.

Marked Improvement in Health.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The Emperor Francis Joseph for the first time since his illness drove from Schoenbrunn to Hofburg where he received delegations. In a speech, His Majesty emphasized that the International Situation continued satisfactory and said that any increased demands by the War Department would be confined to what was absolutely necessary.

PERSIA AND THE POWERS.

Russia's Declaration.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The Russian Legation at Teheran has replied to the Manifesto addressed by the Persian people to the Powers that Russia will abstain from interference in Persian Internal Affairs and will confine herself to the protection of her frontiers and her subjects.

IMPROVING OUTLOOK IN MOROCCO.

French Troops Penetrate the Mountains.

LONDON DECEMBER 21.

The two French columns which are operating on the frontier between Algeria and Morocco, have entered the Mountain ranges and occupied the villages of the recalcitrant tribes.

Emissaries are coming in and paying the fines exacted by the French.

THE DE-BEERS COMPANY.

Passing the Deferred Dividend.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

Considerable sensation has been caused by De-Beers not paying the dividend on the Deferred Shares, owing to a large diminution in the demand for diamonds which is mainly due to the American crisis.

MR. HALDANE'S ARMY REFORM.

Special Reserve to Replace the Militia.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

Mr. Haldane, speaking at Edinburgh, said the Special Reserve which was replacing the Militia would be complete in August, when six Divisions would be fully equipped for a long campaign.

MACEDONIAN REFORMS.

Porte's Demand Inadmissible

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

A telegram from Constantinople states that the Ambassadors consider as inadmissible the Porte's demand rendering renewal of the Mandates of the foreign officers employed on Macedonian reform work conditional on their entry into Turkish service and their payment by the Porte.

DUTCH ARMY ESTIMATES.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The Second Chamber at the Hague, has rejected the Army Estimates, framed by the New Minister for War, who does not command the confidence of the Chamber.

GOLD FOR AMERICA.

Large Import Engaged.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

A telegram from New York states that 800,000 dollars have been engaged for import.

DESTROYERS IN COLLISION.

Serious Damage.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

The destroyer "Lee" has been seriously damaged in a collision with the destroyer "Fairy" at Portsmouth.

CHOLERA AT MECCA.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

Ten cases of cholera and five deaths have occurred at Mecca.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

In the match against Victoria the M. C. C. team have made 321 for seven wickets.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

The deaths have occurred of General Sir George Corrie Bird and of H. E. Musurus Pasha, the Turkish Ambassador in London.

[General Bird fought in the Mutiny and in Afghanistan. Musurus Pasha had been for several years Turkish Ambassador at the Court of St. James.]

BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Presentation to Mrs. King.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

At the Bengal Chamber of Commerce Meeting this evening it was decided to raise subscriptions for a presentation to Mrs. King, the wife of Mr. King, of Messrs. Andrew, Yule and Company, who has taken a prominent part in charitable organisation in this City and is now leaving the country with her husband on retirement.

RAILWAY STRIKES.

Disaffected Locomotive Staff.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

The Native Locomotive Staff on the Eastern Bengal State Railway went on strike this evening.

Some hundred and fifty of them, it is understood, sent a Memorial yesterday putting forward certain complaints and Mr. Williams, the Locomotive Superintendent, at once arranged to meet their Delegates.

At this meeting, at which about a dozen Delegates attended, the men put forward a demand for a very large increase in their pay. This demand could not possibly be dealt with off-hand and the Delegates were accordingly asked to put their proposals in writing so that they might be considered.

They agreed to this, but have now gone out on strike without doing so.

The whole of the European Staff remains at work and all the Passenger trains are running, but the Goods traffic is suspended.

The strikers have been given twelve hours in which to resume work.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

The Delegates of the Indian Drivers, Firemen and Shunters of the Eastern Bengal State Railway, who are on strike were invited this morning to meet Mr. Bell, the Manager of the line, at Sealdah at one o'clock to-day. Up to some time after that hour, however, they had not turned up. All the goods traffic has been stopped on the line, but the Darjeeling Mail and other principal Passenger trains are being run and a Communique issued by the Management, states that as the accommodation on those Passenger trains actually running will be increased, as far as possible, it is hoped, that little inconvenience will be felt by the public.

The whole of the European Drivers remain at work and Guards and Workshop hands are volunteering freely to replace their Indian firemen, the arrangement upon the line having hitherto been to employ Indian firemen upon a portion of the Passenger trains where the Drivers are Europeans as well as upon the Goods trains where the Drivers are Indians.

LATER.

The men in strike on the Eastern Bengal State Railway did not present themselves to meet Mr. Bell at the time appointed to-day, but came in an hour and half later, the meeting has therefore been postponed.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Conciliation Board and the Guards.

MR. S. TREMEARNE PROPOSED AS A DELEGATE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

Regarding the East India Railway, the Guards of "M" Section (Asansol) have sent in a formal objection to the election of Mr. Forster in place of Mr. Engleken on the Conciliation Board on the ground that a fresh election should have been held in place of taking the next man in the original voting and they name Mr. Shirley Tremearne, Editor of "Capital," as the representative they desire to see appointed

It is stated that the three Guards already appointed will meet Sir Frederick Upcott and the other members of the Conciliation Board to-morrow morning when the matter will be further discussed.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

A preliminary meeting of the East India Railway Conciliation Board, Traffic Sub-Committee, was held to-day, Sir Frederic Upcott presiding.

It is understood that a "Modus Vivendi" was arrived at, Guard Forster remaining on the Board to vote and Mr. Shirley Tremearne sitting to speak on behalf of the Guards, if necessary but not voting.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 22.

The East Indian Railway Conciliation Board Traffic Sub-Committee holds its first sitting to-morrow, Mr. Tremearne attending to speak for the men. The Guards' petition to be considered is one asking for three concessions, namely, (1) to abandon mileage payments and to revert to overtime, (2) that a full day's overtime be allowed for work on Sundays instead of the present payment of Rs 1-8-0, and (3) that Eurasion Guards be given the same leave rules as European Guards.

OUDH AND ROHILKHAND RAILWAY.

Guards' Grievances.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 21.

The Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway Guards have presented a petition explaining the alleged disadvantages they labour under in respect of the new scale of pay and allowances. They ask for the abolition of the classification, for a minimum starting pay of Rs. 75 rising to Rs. 180 and annual increases of Rs. 10 instead of Rs. 4 and Rs. 5, that mileage allowance be raised for Guards working irregular trains, that they be granted under-rest allowance at headquarters and outstations and over-rest allowance at outstations at the rate of half a day's pay, with full day's pay for work on Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and King's Birthday as recently granted to Drivers, and house-rent allowance in absence of railway quarters and calculation of house rent allowance on actual salaries and not on gross earnings.

MADRAS RAILWAY SERVANTS.

Agent's Recommendation Accepted.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 21.

Major Bonham Carter, Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company has issued an abstract of the discussion between himself and the Delegates selected by the Staff, embodying, his answers to questions put him by the Delegates.

The Recommendation of the Agent that the services of all the Staff, except those due for retirement for age or inefficiency, should be continued on the same agreements and on the same terms as at present, continuing until June 1908, has been accepted and the Agent has been authorised by the Secretary of State to offer the continuance of their services on these terms to those willing to accept them.

This means, so far as the staff are concerned, that they will serve on the same pay as at present, under the same Provident Rules, Co-operative Stores agreements etc. as at present, on the same arrangements and under the same Officers with the exception of the Agent and any individuals who may seek service elsewhere.

THE VICEROY'S TOUR.

Arrival at Calcutta.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ELEPHANT POINT, DECEMBER 20

The R. I. M. S. "Dufferin" with Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Minto, the Ladies Ruby and Violet Elliot, Miss Farquahar, Sir Louis Dane, Colonel, the Hon. C. Lambton and His Excellency's Staff left Rangoon at 10 a.m. this morning.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Burma and Lady White, General Fenton, Mr. Rice and several other officials came to the Barr Street Jetty to see Their Excellencies off.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

H. E. Lord Minto and party arrived privately, this afternoon in the "Dufferin" and proceeded to Government House.

MURDER OF HIS DAUGHTER TO INVOLVE AN ENEMY.

The Father Sentenced to Death.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 22.

In the Allahabad High Court Justices Banarji and Bichards have just disposed of a most extraordinary case of murder in which one Ramjimul, a Jat, in Meerut District, was charged with having murdered his own infant daughter with a view of fastening the charge of murder on one Indraj against whom he had a grudge. It appears that on the morning of 8th October last there was a quarrel between Indraj and Ramjimul the accused, regarding some injury which the latter had done to a field belonging to the former and that this quarrel resulted in an assault on Indraj by Ramjimul which caused hurt. Indraj went away immediately to report the occurrence at the Thana which was some miles off. The case for the prosecution was that while Indraj was absent from the village accused went to his house and attempted to strangle his son who was about six years old, but being unsuccessful he took his infant daughter and murdered her with a chopper and placed the body with the chopper in an enclosure in which Indraj lived and then raised an alarm that the girl was missing. He expressed his suspicion that the missing girl might be traced at the house of Indra with whom he had quarrelled that morning Evidence for the prosecution distinctly proved that the chopper found alongside the body, belonged to the prisoner; that the body, when found, was still warm and that the prisoner had been found entering and leaving the enclosure in which Indraj lived shortly before the body was discovered.

It was found by Mr. Louis Stuart, C. S. that the prisoner was a man of a weak intellect and was utterly devoid of all sense of proportion to get the man who had complained against him of assault into trouble. He had murdered his own child and placed the body in such a position as would implicate the obnoxious person. The assessors took the same view and the prisoner was sentenced to death. Their Lordsips after perusing the record and the prisoner's petition of appeal sent from jail concurred in this view and affirmed the conviction and sentence of death.

QUACKS LIABILITY IN OPERATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DEC. 22.

One Surajbali was convicted by Mr. Ali Husain, First Class Magistrate at Mirzapur, under section 338 Indian Penal Code of having caused grievous hurt to the eye of one Mussamat Basanta by performing an unsuccessful operation for cataract.

Surajbali performed operations on three persons, Mussamat Rasanta Ram, Ghulam and Syed Ali and Mussamat Basanta had completely lost the sight of her eye. There was no evidence on record to show how the operation was performed except that of Mussamat Basanta who said that something was put into her eye. The Magistrate found the operation was performed with the consent of Mussamat Basanta, that it was performed in good faith and for her benefit, and the operation was performed according to a recognised Indian method of treatment of cataract in which a lancet and a blunt needle were used. The Judge differed from the finding of the Magistrate that accused Surajbali was guilty under section 338, Indian Penal Code. He held that though accused was an unlicensed man and the operation dangerous in the Indian method for removing cataract, it did not follow that accused had committed an offence as there was no evidence of rashness or negligence or of danger to human life or personal safety of others. The Sessions Judge held that the case of Surajbali was covered by Section 88 of the Indian Penal Code and that on findings of the Magistrate he was entitled to the benefit of the general exceptions to the Code. The Sessions Judge referred the case to the High Court with a commendation that the conviction and sentence of fine of Surajbali be set aside.

Mr. Justice Aikman directed that the case should be sent down for further evidence to find out whether accused was consul ed by Mussamat Basanta or whether he volunteered his services as well as whether Mussamat Basanta knew of the risk she was undergoing when she consented to the operation.

THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR'S TRAIN.

Arrest of Attempted Wreckers.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

Seven arrests have been made in connection with the recent attempt to wreck the Lieutenant-Governor's train.

It is understood that the men are khalassis and that one of them has made some confession.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

Mr. Kuyett and Mr. Plowden of the Bengal Police have gone to Midnapore to make further investigation in connection with the recent attempt to derail the Lieutenant-Governor's train. It appears that a "Khalassi" was arrested on Thursday at Midnapore who confesses that he was concerned in the outrage, his statement involving seven others persons six of whom have also been arre-ted.

BABU BEPIN BEHARI MUKERJI.

Addrsss of the Bar on Retirement.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, DECEMBER 21.

This afternoon the Bar Library was a venue of a particularly pleasing function when the members of the Cawnpore Bar Association met to bid Babu Bepin Behari Mukerji farewell on the eve of his retirement after a long and honourable career in the Judiciary.

Babu Mukerji's connection with Cawnpore is of many years standing. Prior to his appointment as Judge of the Court of Small Causes he presided with great distinction on the bench of the Subordinate Court.

Indeed, of him it may be said that his Judgments were seldom, if ever, reversed.

While Judge of the Small Cause Court he extended an unfailing courtesy to one and all alike. His relations with the Bar were characterised by general "bonhomie" which reassured struggling practitioner, while the litigant always felt he had in Judge Mukerji a friend and well-wisher.

After the party had been photographed, Pundit Pirthinath Chunk, the President of the Cawnpore Bar Association, in presence of a large assembly made the following speech :—

The proceeding's being informal pending Government sanction to accept the Address.

Rising to reply, Judge Mukerji, who was deeply moved, delivered with applause a very appropriate reply.

Mr. Mukerji paid a pretty compliment to the members of the legal profession in Cawnpore assuring them he would always bear pleasant recollections of his long connection with Cawnpore and the great assistance he had always received from the Members of the Bar in the discharge of his duties.

DEATH OF MAJOR A. H. MONTAGUE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 21.

We regret to hear from Jhelum of the death from consumption on the 18th December, of Major A. H. Montague, 2nd-in-Command of the 21st Punjabis.

Major Montague was very well-known in Upper India as an excellent Regimental and Staff Officer and his loss will be severely felt by all who came in contact with him.

NOWSHERA BRIDGE OF BOATS CATASTROPHE.

Pathan Sight-seers Precipitated into River.

NOVEL RESUSCITATION PROCESS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

A distressing incident occurred at Nowshera on the evening of Thursday last at the Bridge of Boats which connects Nowshera Cantonment with the Main-road leading northwards to Mardan and Malakand.

At about half past five the bridge was opened in order to permit the passage of several boats down the river. A large number of persons, chiefly Pathans from the neighbouring villages, were collected on the banks watching the proceedings, and in spite of the remonstrances of the guard over the bridge a number of them insisted upon crossing upon the boats on either side of the opening in order to watch the boats as they passed by. Suddenly the separated portions of the bridge weighted down by the people standing upon them gave way and a large number of the spectators estimated at about eighty or a hundred were precipitated into the rapids and many were carried down to the military bridge about a quarter of a mile lower down the river where they were rescued by their friends in a semi-conscious condition.

Several distressing scenes were witnessed here as the bodies were brought to shore. One man who had been rescued by his relatives in an apparently moribund condition was resuscitated by the following procedure—a hole was dug on the beach and a charcoal fire lighted in it after which the body of the unfortunate man, who was then senseless, placed over it. This process succeeded, however, in bringing him round.

So far only three bodies have been recovered two of them tightly clapsed together but it is feared that many more lives have been lost and that the bodies will have been carried far down the river in the direction of Attock.

CROP PROSPECTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

This week's crops telegrams show no material change in the general situation except so far as the Central Provinces are concerned, where the recent rain has done much good.

The numbers under relief have gone up to 31,000 in the United Provinces and to 13,000 in Central India.

Prices are still rising in Bengal.

ALDAHABAD, DECEMBER 21.

The latest Crop report for the United Provinces says that prices now exceed scarcity rates everywhere and are still rising in several districts Due to importations from the Punjab, however, markets are sufficiently stocked.

There is, generally, a good demand for labour, but the pressure is beginning to be felt in some places and there are indications of distress in a few districts, but no noticeable increase of crime or wandering.

Relief works have been started in Gonda and Bahraich and there are 9 390 on these works in the former district and 2,911 in the latter.

There were altogether 31,240 persons in receipt of relief.

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 22.

The first forecast of the wheat crop in the United Provinces states that owing to the early cessation of the momsoon nearly all sowings have been done under irrigation and they have gone on later than usual being still in progress in some places. Germination has been good and prospects are so far favourable, but an early fall of rain is urgently needed, Reports from selected landholders and other sources suggest a decrease of 30 to 40 per cent. compared with last year's area and fall of 35 per cent. would give an area of 4,450,000 acres under the crop. The Director of Agriculture however thinks that this estimate is too low. In 1896 when conditions were not dissimilar area sown was under 3,700,000 acres, but the resources of the people are greater now and they have been assisted with advances on a very large scale.

The prospects of linseed and rapeseed crops depend entirely on the early fall of rain. It is estimated that there is a decline of 45 per cent. in the area under linseed and of 48 per cent. in that under rapeseed. But owing so the difficulty of making an estimate the figures need to be received with more than usual caution.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Amended Rules for the encouragement of the study of Oriental Languages amongst the Junior members of the Indian Civil Service, serving elsewhere than in Madras and Bombay, are notified.

They are also applicable to Military Officers in Civil employ, Officers of the Political Department and Gazetted Police Officers, with some modification

Rewards for passing will ordinarily range from Rs. 500 to Rs. 800 in the case of the Higher Standard Examination; from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 2,000 for High Proficiency Examinations and from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 5,000 for Degree of Honour Examination.

New Rules are also notified for a Literary Examination in Hindustani, Intermediate between the Higher Standard and the High Proficiency Tests, to be called the Proficiency Examination.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

Revd. P. G. Bruce Austin is gazetted to be Chaplain of Neemuch, Central India.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

A statement is published showing that there was on the 30th of September last in the Gold Standard Reserve of the Government of India the equivalent of four million sterling in rupees and £13,820,177 in Consols, Exchequer Bonds, Treasury Bills and other sterling securities.

The total Civil Revenue directly brought to account to the end of last month in India amounted to 4,363 lakhs against 4,355 lakhs up to the same date last year.

Land Revenue and Stamps both fell off in November (no doubt owing to the drought,) the total Civil Revenue in that month being 396 lakhs against 500 lakhs in the corresponding period of last year.

Mr. C. G. Todhunter, C. S., Imperial Customs Service, is gazetted for eleven months' leave from the 28th proximo.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Commander W. Aves retires with effect from the 24th ultimo.

Mr. S. Babington, Telegraph Department, has twelve months' leave.

The voluntary winding up of the Bikanir and Dehra Dun Prospecting and Mining Co. is notified.

It is notified that the Secretary of State in Council will in the Summer of 1908 make not less than sixteen appointments of Probationers for the Indian Forest Service.

THE SITARAMPUR TRAGEDY.

Commencement of Myer's Trial.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

The hearing of the Sitarampur shooting case commenced at Asansol yesterday when Mr. George, who was present at the tragedy, gave evidence. He was certain that before the shot was fired Mr. Mcleod did not touch Myers or the gun. A stump of a cigarette was still in the deceased's hand after the doctor had arrived.

CONGRESS MATTERS.

LALA LAJPATRAI IN BOMBAY.—On Saturday morning Lala Lajpatrai arrived in Bombay by the Punjab Mail train. Members of the Arya Samaj and the Bombay National Union were present at the station and accorded him a hearty welcome. The Lala intended to go from Bombay to Ahmedabad, and thence to Surat to be present at the Indian National Congress. Mr. B.G. Tilak, of Poona, has also arrived in Bombay and is staying in Sitaram Buildings.

THE CONGRESS SITTING.—The "Gujarati" remarks regarding the sitting of the Congress in Surat:—Next Thursday the Twenty-third Session of the Congress will meet in a city which is full of historic associations under circumstances which have not had a parallel in the annals of the Congress movement. Surat is not a city of palaces nor can it afford to vie with Bombay, Madras, Allahabad or Lahore. But it is rich in public spirit and saving common-sense which underlies far-seeing patriotism and will afford an humble but none the less an enthusiastic and sincere welcome to congressmen hailing from different parts of the country. It is no small tribute to the progressive spirit and patriotism of Western India that the Congress has already held its sittings not only in the capital of the Presidency but also at Poona and Ahmedabad, and now Surat has had the rare honour of organizing the Congress preparations in less than six weeks.

ANXIETY REGARDING THE CONGRESS.—The same paper writes:—A good deal of anxiety is being felt everywhere regarding the success of the next Congress. For our own part we feel satisfied that despite aberrations and extravagances on the part of a few individual Congressmen, the Congress as a body will not commit itself to any measure or resolution that is likely to do more harm than good to the cause of reform. The Congress belongs to the whole country and it cannot afford to make any violent departure from its established methods and principles. New subjects or old subjects in fresh aspects are sure to crop up and differences of opinion are sure to arise. But no one deprecates honest differences of opinion arrived at after mature study and on careful reflection. Secondly, the Congress is not a Congress of the Hindus or of any particular section of the Indian community. There are Mahomedans, Parsees and Native Christians to be reckoned with. For our own part we are not for ambitious programmes, but for programmes and measures which will meet with the sympathy and moral support of all thoughtful and far-seeing Indians.

LALA LAJPATRAI'S RENUNCIATION.—Regarding the Lala's renunciation of the Congress presidentship, our contemporary says:—Lala Lajpatrai's letter to the "Tribune" is as opportune as it is honourable to him. It was only the other day that he said to his friends belonging to the Arya Samaj that he would readily stand aside if they thought that his association with them was likely to prejudice in their eyes the cause of the Samaj. He further declared that the occasion was now for embracing one another and not for dissensions and disunion. That speech showed the real man, and the present letter to the "Tribune" is just what one would expect from a gentleman and a genuine well-wisher of his country. The agitation started over Dr Rash Behari Ghose's presidentship was so ill-advised, indecorous and reprehensible that it has pained every right-thinking Indian, and it is no wonder when Lala Lajpatrai says that he too has been pained by that agitation. He has emphatically dissociated himself from what he rightly regards as an unpleasant agitation, and given his Nationalist friends to understand that in case they do not discontinue it, he may have to stay away from the forthcoming session of the Congress to be held at Surat, and that he will under no circumstances allow his personality to be made the reason or the occasion of any split in the National camp.

WHY THE CONGRESS WENT TO SURAT.—Mr. Tilak, who is now furious over the disappointment of his Extremist admirers at Nagpore, will see on calm reflection over the contents of Lala Lajpatrai's letter that if any one deserves condemnation at the hands of his countrymen for the removal of the Congress to Surat, it is not the Hon. Sir Pherozeshah and the Hon. Mr. Gokhale, but it is some one else. Every sensible and decent Congressman has been inquiring both in public and private why Mr. Tilak did not dissociate himself from and condemn rowdyism at Nagpore and flatly give his worshippers there to understand that he did not like to be president of the Congress against the wishes of a majority of his countrymen. He had only to anticipate Lala Lajpatrai's example and act upon the suggestion made to him from several quarters, and next week the Congress would without doubt have been held, not at Surat, but at Nagpore. Further, what is after all the heinous offence the Hon. Sir Pherozeshah and the Hon. Mr. Gokhale are said to have committed? The allegation made against them is an unmitigated falsehood But even supposing it were true, it only comes to this that they stepped in at the eleventh hour to save the Congress movement and the credit of their countrymen at a juncture when its disappearance or postponement would have been nothing but a dire national misfortune in this year of successive national reverses and disappointments and mightily pleased our enemies both in and out of India. When the facts are better known, the judgment of the country will be unequivocal and that is that Surat voluntarily undertaking an arduous task at the eleventh hour has done a signal service to the cause of the Congress and that all those who have lent her public-spirited citizens their moral support and sympathy to secure unity, harmony and cordial co-operation are no less entitled to the gratitude of their countrymen.

The Managing Committee of the Bombay Bhatia Mitra Mandal has appointed the following gentlemen to be the Delegates of the Association at the Indian National Congress and Indian National Social Conference at Surat :—Madhavji Virji, B A, LL.B, Solicitor; Dharamsey J. Thacker, B A, LL B., Solicitor; Morarji M Kamdar, B A, LL.B, Solicitor; Bhimji N Dalal, B A, LL B, Solicitor; Lakhmidas Rowji Taisey, B A, Merchant; Valabdas Runchhordas, Merchant; Khetsey Kala, Merchant; Damodar Rowji Borecha, Merchant and Editor "Bhatia Mitra Mandal;" Mulji Ranchhod Ved Exchange Broker; Sunderdas Lakhmidas, Exchange Broker; Narbheram Doolabhji Ved, B A, LL B, Managing Clerk; Hirji Topan, Managing Clerk; Mulji Doolabhji Ved, Journalist; Vasanji Thakarsey Halai, Managing Clerk.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY—ARRIVALS, December 21.—Lieut. Scott 1/1 Gurkhas, Rifles, from England.

Capt. Winsloe, R. E, from England.

Capt. Tytler, 2nd Gordon Horse, from England.

Capt. Whish, 1st West Ridge Regt., from England.

Major Beresford, R. I. Rifles, from England.

Major Sorstre, R. E., from England.

Capt. Redcliff, 8th Punjabis, from England.

Capt. Hardinge, M. A. Dept., from England.

Lieut.-Colonel Holloway, 64th Pioneers, from Belgaum.

DEPARTURES, December 21.—Lieut. Duff, 1/1 Gurkha Rifles, to England.

Major Sorstre, R. E., to Bangalore.

Lieut.-Colonel Holloway, 27th L. C., to Jubbulpore.

Lieut.-Col. Holloway, 64th Pioneers, to England.

REVISED RATES OF PAY AND MILITARY TRAFIFC

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

The Government of India has decided that, with effect from the 1st of April 1907, Lieutenant Colonels of the British Army on the Indian Establishment shall receive pay at the increased rates laid down in Army Order No. 127 of 1907 when entitled to British rates of pay.

The Army Order, referred to, made certain additions to the ordinary rates of Regimental pay of rank.

A special India Army Order has been issued promulgating revised rules and rates which have effect from 1st January 1908 for the conveyance of Military Traffic by railway.

The rules only apply to military traffic booked on Warrant or Credit Note and not to journeys performed by Officers and others who draw Travelling Allowances.

The Government of India has approved the introduction, from 1st January next, as a tentative measure for one year, of the revised rules and rates for conveyance of military traffic by rail and the rules are published in Army Orders for the guidance of of all concerned.

Captain Schrottny, Royal Field Artillery, has been selected for appointment to the Indian Ordnance Department.

Major C. G. Stewart, Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master-General, Chief of Staff Division, is appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Southern Army.

On return from leave, Captain Rolland, Royal Engineers, is posted to Military Works Services, Derajat Brigade.

Lieutenant Binney, Royal Engineers, is transferred from the Military Works Services, to the 3rd Sappers and Miners.

Lieutenant Harcourt, 2nd Battalion, 1st Gurkhas, is transferred to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Gurkhas.

Major Younghusband, 19th Lancers, is appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Secunderabad Division, on transfer from the Nowshera Cavalry Brigade.

INDIAN RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION.

The Bombay Chamber of Commerce has sent the following to the Secretary to the [illegible] Finance Committee, India Office, London :—

The Committee of this Chamber have been favoured with a communication from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, informing them of the abandonment of the projected deputation to enquire and report on certain important questions concerning Indian Railways and their administration; and further the Committee have been invited, if they so desire, to express their views on the following subjects:—

(1) Whether the amounts allotted in recent years for Railway construction and equipment in India are sufficient for the needs of the country and for the development of its trade; and if not, then

(2) What additional amounts may properly and advantageously be raised for this purpose;

(3) Within what limits of time, and by what methods they should be raised;

(4) Towards what object should they be applied.

(5) Whether the system under which the Railway Board now works is satisfactory, or is capable of improvement, and to make recommendations.

In accordance with the request of the Secretary to the Government of India, I am now instructed by my Committee to forward for your information the following general representation on the points above referred to.

I am desired, however, to preface my remarks by an expression of my Committee's regret at the abandonment of the projected deputation to India, as it is felt that written statements can never convey information as fully as personal enquiries on the spot and contact with the people out here would have done. It is therefore to be regretted that when expectations were raised regarding the arrival in India of the said deputation, that it should suddenly and unexpectedly have been cancelled.

My Committee have most carefully considered the Railway question in its various aspects, and have concluded that the existing dissatisfaction with the Railway administration in India may be set down to (a) defective financial arrangements, and (b) to faulty organization.

Dealing with the former, my Committee are of opinion that the amount allotted in recent years for construction and equipment have not been sufficient for the needs of the country and for the development of its trade. They further consider that an allotment having once been made to a Railway Company, it should not again be withdrawn or its expenditure interfered with by Government: that such allotments should be vested in the Railway Board, and any unexpended balance should not be allowed to lapse at the end of a financial year and be passed into the revenue of the following year. The unexpended balance should, in their opinion, be ear-marked and either kept in suspense or entirely handed over to the Company concerned.

Beyond the allotments of the larger amounts now advocated for the construction and maintenance of Railways, it is believed that additional amounts might properly and advantageously be raised by the Companies themselves on the security of their net earnings, and that these additional amounts should be sufficiently large in the first instance to thoroughly equip the existing lines—doubling where necessary: any balance remaining being ultimately utilised in carrying on extensions that may be considered advisable.

My Committee further consider that the contracts are at present limited to too short a period, and that they should be prolonged to say 50 years with a view to making railways more attractive for purposes of investment, experience having shown that under existing conditions shareholders lose interest in a Company whose period of contract is on the wane. On the other hand, my Committee wish to strongly guard against the over-capitalising of Indian Railways. It is feared this is being done to a certain extent at present by the inclusion in the capital of a Company of amounts spent on unproductive works, when such amounts should be written off as maintenance expenditure.

The Railway Board, as at present constituted, is merely a sub-department of the Department of Commerce and Industry, and it is believed that their functions are thereby considerably hampered and the scope of their operations greatly curtailed. My Committee are of opinion that it would be advantageous not only to allow the Board a free hand in general administrative work, but to entirely separate it from the above Department and to give the President a seat in the Council. The number of the Board my Committee would leave as at present, merely remarking that, if possible, one member should be specially qualified to deal with financial and commercial problems.

It must, however, be understood that the Committee do not recommend the separation of Railway Finance from the general Budget Estimates, because it is realised that for some time to come the railways will not be able to borrow all they require on the security of their own revenues, and that therefore grants must necessarily still be looked for from Government.

THE AMIR OF AFGHANISTAN.

Refugees Return.

PROTEST AGAINST THE SHILMAN RAILWAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 22.

A large number of Afghan refugees, relatives mostly of Sardar Ayub Khan are leaving Peshawar for Kabul. They are headed by Sardar Abdul Majid Khan, formally Sub-Inspector of Police and son of the late Sardar Mahomed Hasan Khan.

It is reported from Kabul that the Amir, since his return from Afghan Turkistan, has reorganised his Advisory Council, some officers who have not been quite in accord with himself and Sardar Nasrullah Khan having been replaced by others holding more acceptable views. The Amir has also notified that the old practice of daily Durbars open to all classes of his subjects is to be revived.

Among the Jirgahs that Habibullah has lately received at Kabul was one from Mohmands who prayed that he would stop the construction of the Shilman Railway through independent tribal territory. His Majesty is said to have pointed out that the British Government were within their rights in making the line and that there would be no interference with the tribesmen. The Jirgah was then dismissed with the usual gifts.

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 21.

The frontier correspondent to the "Pioneer" states that the advance camp of the Amir has left Kabul for Jellalabad, but His Majesty himself is not expected there until the end of this month. This would seem to dispose of the rumour that the Amir intended visiting Kandahar.

VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL.

Addition of Valuable Gifts.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

The valuable collection destined for the Victoria Memorial Hall has recently received some interesting additions which will shortly be on view at the Indian Museum. Two ancient Persian daggers with enamelled gold sheaths have been bequeathed to the Trustees by His Highness the late Mir Mohamed Hassanali Khan Talpur C I E.

Another interesting gift is a suit of Georgian furniture which has been presented by Syed Sirdar Ali Khan of Bombay and Hyderabad. This furniture which comprises 24 chairs, 3 couches and 11 columns or stands and 4 teapoys, was originally made for the Regent famous Pavilion at Brighton.

On the sale order of Parliament of the Pavilion and its effect, this furniture was bought by the East India Company for their Resident at Hyderabad and was in use when it was sold by auction and was purchased by Syed Sirdar Ali Khan who has received the thanks of the Viceroy for his valuable gift.

"BOMBAY GAZETTE" ILLUSTRATED SUPPLEMENT.

The RAST GOFTAR writes :—Our English contemporary the "Bombay Gazette" presented to its readers on Saturday an illustrated Christmas book-supplement, which includes short stories, amusing reading for leisure hours, interesting cartoons, a register of the remarkable events of the year now about to close, pictures of His Excellency the Governor, the New Sheriff, Nawab Bilgrami, Member of the India Council, and other interesting matters, with which the supplement abounds. In this country the "Bombay Gazette's" present to its readers is the first of its kind among English newspapers. The enterprise of our contemporary is worthy of all praise and worth imitation by the "Times of India" and the "Advocate." For such enterprise we wish our contemporary of the "Gazette" every success.

YULETIDE IN THE SHOPS.

The Shops in Bombay are looking very Christmassy just now.

With the advent of the festive season one naturally thinks presents to friends and relations. These should be useful and elegant and not too expensive. A Chemist's stock can generally fit these conditions, perfumes, toilet requisites, household requirements, &c., being useful for everybody. We notice at Kemp's a neat case containing their renowned Hair Douche, Shampoo Liquor and Floralixir, with Soap, Tooth Brush and Tooth Paste which makes an effective and most reasonable present, as it costs complete only half a sovereign. Their Fort Establishment is taken up with huge displays of Surgical Instruments, Drugs, Chemicals and Proprietary Medicines, but at their Cumballa Hill Branch the articles we were looking for were much in evidence. Christmas Cards, Jewellery, Leather Goods, Fountain Pens, Dainty Perfumes, &c., &c., are there in profusion. We understand Kemp's Popular Diary will be on sale during this month at all their establishments and their Prescribers' Pharmacopœia, 6th Edition, which has now increased to over 500 pages, is promised in January. We notice at their Byculla Branch a series of very cheap perfumes which might be very useful to those whose purses are not too heavy at this season.

Most people lay in a stock of new clothes before Christmas. The name of Messrs. Badham Pile and Co. is a household word as regards the supply of first class goods for ladies and gentlemen's wear, and a glance at their show rooms will serve to convince all and sundry that Badham Pile and Co. are in the first rank of those who cater for the votaries of fashion. The front portion of the establishment is devoted evidently to the display of men's requirements, amongst which hosiery, ties, and headgear claim the principal place. Ladies on the look out for useful gifts for the gentlemen members of their families will find an assortment of these goods that will suit the most fastidious taste, or if they have full pockets there is a large stock of fitted suit cases and bags most tempting to the eye and quite moderate in price. The tailoring department is so well-known that it needs only a passing word, the testimony given being that for variety of choice and excellence of material the stock of woollen materials would do credit to any sartorial establishment in the West End of London. Passing on to the region of frocks and chiffons, we have again ample evidence that the ladies of Bombay are well catered for. The firm makes a special study of millinery, and many charming creations are on view. The stock is kept up-to-date by frequent importations, every through mail steamer during the season bringing new examples of styles recently seen in the Park or the Bois. Many pretty trifles suitable for presents are being shown—feather boas, fans, belts, sunshades and a variety of articles dear to the feminine heart. We recommend any who are in search of Christmas or New Year gifts to pay Messrs. Badham Pile and Co. a visit.

Messrs. P. Mehta and Co., the well-known Jewellers of Medows Street, are exhibiting a large stock of jewellery and other Indian curiosities. The collection is most valuable and attractive and will afford all facilities to the public to select their Christmas presents, from a very costly and elegant article to a hair-pin, thus meeting the requirements of all classes. The stock consists of a variety of gold and diamond jewellery, very unique Indian curiosities and other interesting articles which are sure to draw great attention from the public.

Slowly but surely the Indian firms are successfully competing with those conducted by Europeans, especially in the lines of gent.'s tailoring and ladies' dress-making. Amongst the Indian firms Messrs. A. Fredoon and Co. are in the first rank. It is a matter of surprise how from a small beginning this firm has developed into a first-rate up-to-date tailoring and dress-making establishment, with all necessary accessories and auxiliaries both for ladies and gentlemen. The exhibition of all kinds of cloth in their gentlemen's department and the dress-making materials, laces, trimmings, parasols, handbags, &c., in the ladies department can well vie with that of the European firms. A visit to their establishment will bear out what we say. With their display of high class goods there is the accompaniment of courtesy and a desire to please which makes their establishment an agreeable resort.

Nothing perhaps is so convenient in the way of presents for gentlemen from ladies as the tobacconists, Messrs. Th. Vafiadis and Co., 20, Esplanade Road, manufacturers of Egyptian Cigarettes and Cigar Merchants, have a grand display this season of the choicest smokers' requisites from the first houses in England and the Continent at low prices—Gold, Rolled-Gold, Silver, Silver Enamel Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Silver Ash Trays and Cigarette boxes: Loewe and Co.'s celebrated Briar Wood Pipes. Companions in cases. Fine Figured and plain Meerschaum pipes and Cigaratte and Cigar Holders. Russia, Morocco Leather, Crocodile, and Lizard skin Cigarette and Cigar Cases. Velvet, Crocodile with 9 ct. Gold rims and corners Cigarette Cases. Silver Plated Magazine and Aluminium Cigarette Cases, etc. Block Amber Cigarette and Cigar Holders plain and with Gold Rims in Silver tubes. Meees Quill Amber, Meerschaum Cigar and Cigarette Holders with gold and silver rims. A large collection of latest styles in Walking Sticks, Gold and Silver Mounted. Real Havana, Manila, Dutch, Havana and Indian Cigars. English and American Tobaccos and Cigarettes in great variety.

Calendars for 1908.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of a very nice Calendar for the New Year from Messrs. Cutler Palmer and Co., containing medallions in colours of the Viceroy and Lady Minto, which are probably excellent likenesses of Their Excellencies as they were twenty years ago.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT GIRGAUM.

The annual prize distribution to the pupils of the C. M. S. Boarding and Day Girls' School was held on Saturday afternoon in the C. M. S. Church Hall at Girgaum, Bombay, the Rev. Canon Heywood presiding. Lady Hughes presented the prizes.

A programme of music and drill having been gone through, Miss H. D. Sever, the Lady Superintendent, made a statement as to the working of the school during the closing year. There are at present 43 pupils on the roll in the Anglo-Vernacular branch and 144 in the Vernacular branch of the institution. The Anglo-Vernacular classes were examined by Miss Ashworth, the Inspectress of English Schools, and her report was very satisfactory. She specially commended drawing, drill and singing. Equally satisfactory was the report of the Deputy Educational Inspector, who examined the Vernacular School. During the year an increase of Rs. 100 to the grant-in-aid was earned, bringing the total to Rs. 550. They had still to earn about Rs. 50 more to reach the maximum and they hoped to be able to get it the next year.

The Chairman in briefly addressing the meeting congratulated Miss Sever and her assistants on the good work done during the year.

Lady Hughes then gave away the prizes, and the proceedings concluded with the usual vote of thanks to Lady Hughes and the Chairman.

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ARCHBISHOP JURGINS AT MAZAGAON.

His Grace the most Rev. Dr. H. Jurgins, S. J., Archibishop of Bombay, paid his first pastoral visit to the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Mazagon, Bombay, on Sunday, the 22nd instant, and was presented with an address of welcome by the wardens on behalf of the parishioners. The following is the full text of the address, which was engrossed on vellum in gold and colour:—

We, the Wardens, on behalf of the parishioners of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, accord your Grace a most cordial welcome, in this your first pastoral visit to our Church, tender of our falicitations on your elevation to the exalted position of Archbishop of a Sea of such importance as that of Bombay, and congratulate ourselves that in the person of your Grace's ability and experience, we have found a worthy Chief Pastor.

Your Grace comes amongst us not as a stranger, but with the reputation of great good work done elsewhere. The various responsible offices you held during the life time of your venerated predecessor, Dr. Dalhoff, your gentle disposition, your tender solicitude for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people of the parishes committed to your charge, your sympathies in support of a good cause and lastly, your learning and piety are too well known to your flock.

This appreciation of your Grace's personal character stirs in us a feeling of affectionate regard and reverence, and fills us with the hope that your Grace will be mindful of all our wants—spiritual as well as temporal.

We feel sure that the Archdiocese under your thoughtful and benevolent administration will show progress in every direction and attain to the fullest measure of development it is capable of.

We have in our parish Sodalities for boys and girls and the Association of the Apostleship of prayer, institutions that are calculated to promote spiritual life and personal sanctification. We have to thank your Grace for having established the Men's Sodality on the eve of your elevation to the Archbishopric of Bombay. We can assure your Grace that these societies have tended to increase devotion and piety in the hearts of the faithful, and our Vicar, the Rev. Dr. B. De Monte, who takes a keen interest in all that pertains to the spiritual life, feels much consoled that his labours have borne ample fruit. To him and to his assistant, Rev. Fr P. Fernandez, are due our best thanks in this regard.

One of our most pressing needs is the enlargement of our church owing to the growth of our congregation. The Catholics who have been dislodged from their dismantled houses have taken refuge mostly in other neighbouring localities so as to be as close as possible to their old church. The congregations at the two Masses on Sundays do not show any visible diminution in numbers. We rely on your Grace's support and sympathy in this matter, and we feel sure that with your liberal countenance, we shall soon be able to have a commodious and stately church, in keeping with the altered conditions of Bombay.

Another need of prime importance to supply which, we feel confident your Grace is quite prepared, is a better central school for our girls, after they have gone through the parish schools which impart primary education. Your grace is fully aware of the changing conditions of life in this commercial city. A quarter of a century ago, it was not thought necessary to equip our girls with a decent education as there were no openings for them. Now the hard conditions of city life, the rise in prices, the keen competition, the desire for higher education among all classes, make it necessary that our girls should secure such an education as will enable them to tide over temporary difficulties, should they have the misfortune to lose their bread-winner and to equip the young mother with knowledge which she might impart to her children in their tenderest years, when they show the greatest aptitude to learn. Your Grace will by this means help those who are willing to help themselves, instead of relying soleley on the charity of a generous public.

Lastly, we hope and pray that your Grace may be spared "ad multos annos," in the enjoyment of health and strength to carry on the onerous responsibilities of your exalted position.

In conclusion we humbly request your Grace to give us and our families your blessing, as a pledge of your paternal affection, and please to accept the accompanying "souvenir" from the parishioners of the Rosary Church.

His Grace replied in suitable terms and it is hoped that a Central School for Indian Catholic girls will be established in due course to meet the want.

THE ALBERT PRESS COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Twenty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company was held at the registered Office of the Company No. 2, Dalal Street, Fort. Mr. Ratonshaw E. Kohiar presided. These are the extracts from the Directors' report for the year ending 30th June last.

"The Directors are glad to state that during the year under report the Pressowners at Karachi and Bhavnagar worked in concert like the preceding year but they regret to observe that efforts were made to bring about Pool arrangement among the Karanja Presses but they were of no avail. From the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss account annexed herewith it will appear that inclusive of the last year's balance of Rs. 570-9-2 the Profit has been Rs. 9,358-15-9 which your Directors recommend to carry forward to next year's account.

Your Directors very much regret that owing to misappropriation of about Rs. 7,500 by the Bhavnagar Agent they cannot recommend any dividend to be paid out of the profit. The Directors beg to assure the Shareholders that they are trying their utmost to recover the amount and with that view they have placed the matter in the hands of the Company's Solicitors to proceed against the agent.

Your Directors have sold a portion of the Company's property at Karachi at a fair price out of which almost all sundry deposits will be paid off thereby saving a fair sum of interest."

The Director's report and the Audited balance sheet was adopted. The re-election and confirmation of Directors' propositions fell through. Mr. Chaturbhuj Goverdhan moved and Mr Kursondas Mulji seconded that Mr. Ratonshaw E. Kohiar, Mr. Motichand Devchand, and Mr. Chugan Khushal, be appointed Directors in place of those retiring by rotation or whose appointments by the Board were not confirmed Mr. J. S. Banaji, a Director objected on the ground that this was neither a notified proposition nor amendment but quite a new proposition sprung upon the Meeting. The Chairman ruled that it was valid under the agenda of business, which was passed and Mr. Banajee disenting.

Mr. Kursedjee Kooverjee Mody, was appointed Auditor on a remuneration of Rs. 100. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business.

ZIAUL ISLAMS AND PLAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—My attention is drawn to a letter published in your issue of 14th instant over the signature of Mahomed Ishak contradicting the account of a meeting of the Ziaul Islam about plague, published in the newspapers. The writer says that no meeting of the Anjuman was called. He is wrong. The Secretary himself came to see me on the morning of the 24th November and invited me to a Special Meeting of the Anjuman at the residence of Maulvi Rafiudin Ahmed to be held that evening on the subject of plague.

I was late and arrived at the meeting about the close of the proceedings. The Secretary showed me the resolution passed with which I entirely agreed. He also begged me to interest myself in the matter. A few days later Maulvi Rafiudin Ahmed and myself, in pursuance of the resolution called upon Dr. Turner, the Health Officer, and invited him to address a meeting of the Mahomedans called by us at Madanpura on Sunday 8th instant about inoculation. The Health Officer, the Assistant Health Officer and others arrived at the place of the meeting at the time fixed. But at that very time the death occurred of Khan Bahadur Kirtas, the chief man of the locality and therefore the meeting was postponed by the consent of all. In fairness I hope you will kindly publish this letter. Yours, etc.

KAJEE MOHOMED ALI MURGHAY,
Khan Saheb, J. P.

December 21st.

ALL INDIA MOSLEM LEAGUE.

Nawab Vikarul-Mulk, Honorary Secretary of the All India Moslem League, has sent the following telegram to Moulvi Rafiuddin Ahmad, Barrister-at-Law:—

"I have offered Sir Adamjee Peerbhoy the Presidentship of the All India Moslem League to be held at Karachi on the 29th and 30th December by wire. Awaiting reply."

Moulvi Rafiuddin Ahmad in the name of the Nawab waited upon Sir Adamjee at his residence on Saturday to receive his reply. Sir Adamjee thereupon wired to Nawab Vikarul-Mulk as follows:—

"I am much obliged to you for your kind telegram, offering me in the name of the Mahomedan Community the Presidentship of the All India Moslem League to be held at Karachi on the 29th instant. Nothing but my sense of duty constrains me to accept your kind offer."

AGRI SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING.

The prize-giving of the Agri community school took place yesterday at Dongri, Mr. S. M. Edwardes presiding. There was a large number of gentlemen present, including Mr. Khaserao Jadhav, Suba of Amreli, Khan Bahadur Darasha Ratanji Chichgar, Sardar Panse, Rao Bahadur Dhakji Kashinath, Rao Saheb Nakhva and others. The school children sang a few songs, after which the report for the past year was read. Khan Bahadur D. R. Chichgar, Mr. Khaserao Jadhav, Rao Bahadoor Dhakji Kashinath and others then addressed the meeting emphasizing the need of giving manual training and scientific knowledge side by side with literary education. A few more songs by the children followed.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Edwardes then addressed the meeting. He said:—

It gives me the greatest pleasure to preside at the prize-giving of a school maintained by and for the benefit of one of the oldest communities in Bombay Island. Speaking roughly, it is only since the close of the 17th century that Bombay has become the adopted house of the more advanced and wealthy communities. But the Agris, like the Kolis and Panchkalshis and Vadvals, were living here for centuries prior to the advent of those communities and they were earning their sustenance from the paddy-fields and carts of the Island long years before the Portuguese Lady of the Manor yielded the Fort to Humphrey Cooke, the representative of the British Crown. The Agri community has witnessed many strange events during its long history. It has watched the Hindu overlord of Mahim yield place to the Musalman Subehdar, and the latter yield place in turn to the priests of Portugal and the merchants of England. The children to whom these prizes are to be distributed are the decendants of the men who interested those great changes, and like the Kolis and other ancient communities of Bombay Island, they are endeavouring in the only way possible—namely by education—to prepare themselves for the social and economic changes which prolonged peace and closer intercourse with the west are now introducing into Bombay. It was in 1860, just about the date of the American war which converted Bombay from a country town into an industrial capital, that Ramji Mahadji Mhatre opened their school for the benefit of the children of his own communities. Within a few years the number of pupils rose to 400, and so great was the pressure in the building that rooms adjoining the school had perforce to be hired to accommodate all the children. At the present moment the full attendance has somewhat declined in consequence of repeated epidemics of plague and the resultant dispersion of the poorer population. But in spite of this the school holds bravely on its way, drawing its pupils from Koliwada, from Nagpada, from Chinch Bander, Dongri, Khadak, in a word, from all the oldest settlements in this historic Island. It is a registered school, recognized by Government; it receives a grant-in-aid from the Municipal Corporation and this year out of the 23 boys which it prepared for the annual Government examination 14 passed the test. The pupils, the masters and those good friends who support the school are to be congratulated upon this result, which clearly proves that their several efforts have borne good fruit and that the younger members of this ancient community are striving to render themselves worthy citizens, of the capital of Western India.

With a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, the proceedings terminated.

COLLEGE SQUARE MEETING.

Mr. Nevison's Advice to Students.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, December 20.

Some two thousand Bengali students and others attended the Swadeshi meeting in College Square this afternoon at which Mr. Surendra Nath Banerji presided.

The proceedings were entirely orderly.

Dr. Rutherford was not there, but Mr. Nevison occupied a seat beside the Chairman and made a speech.

He advocated self-help for the people of the country and advised his hearers to have reverence for moral and intellectual character.

He did not wish to attack the Government in any way, but he saw no trace of sedition, and he looked with abhorrence on "secret investigation," "underhand enquiries" and the "dogging of respectable" men that was going on. Even his own letters, he said, had been opened and his telegrams delayed. This was un-English—this was horrible and dirty. "We were" he said "at the parting of the ways," and the way that he did not want to see taken was the way that led down to revolution—down to massacre—to that revolution that Mr. Morley feared.

Mr. Surendra Nath Banerji's speech was on the ordinary lines of the Swadeshi Moderate Party. He was anxious to replace the beaurocracy by another system of government in which the voice of the people would prevail.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of a Swadeshi song which sketched the evils of alien rule.

The speakers were received enthusiastically and the few outside Europeans who visited the meeting received no incivility.

GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL AT SECUNDERABAD.

Mr. Norton for the Defence.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, December 22.

The General Court-Martial against Lieutenant Sawrey Cookson, 13th Hussars, which should have come on for hearing yesterday at Trimulgherry has been postponed pending the arrival of Counsel for the defence, namely Mr. Eardley Narton who, it is understood, leaves Calcutta on the 26th instant The charge is one of insubordinate language to a superior Officer, the alleged offence being committed at the Club on 23rd October last.

Reports by Mr. Duke, Commissioner of Orissa, Mr. Garrett, Collector of Cuttack and Mr. Banerji, Superintending Engineer, Orissa, are published by the Bengal Government, giving the results of an extended inquiry into the allegations made in the columns of the "Statesman" upon the subject of the distress in that part of the province. These reports show that while much distress exists, owing to the high prices and the recent floods and cholera, the sweeping allegations that have been made are not justified by the facts and so far from the relief measures instituted by the local officers having been insufficient, the visit of the Lieutenant-Governor to the locality and the inquiry that has taken place has not resulted in any reason being found for materially altering them. The actual area of total barrenness due to the eruption of sand of which so much has been made is shown to be only a few hundred yards wide at the widest, with excellent crops on either side. The allegation that thousands have died and the suggestion that these deaths have been due to starvation comes down eventually to three specific cases dead and two dying and, even in these instances, investigation has not confirmed the supposition. The Collector points out that the total mortality, including cholera, began to fall in October, and declined rapidly in November though the relief works had been stopped, which would not have been the case if destitution and not cholera had been responsible. The deaths too were by no means confined to the lower and distressed classes amongst whom alone want of food has so far been felt. The statement that those whose lands had been destroyed by sand had been excluded from tikkavi advances is described by the Commissioner as "ridiculous as well as untrue." In his concluding paragraph Mr. Duke points out the serious extent to which the work of investigating and refuting these allegations has diverted the energies of the district officers from the much more important duty of organizing the campaign against the distress and adds "It may be a journalistic triumph to upset the administration of a distressed district for several weeks but it is very doubtful philanthropy.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, December 21.

The shallow area of low pressure in the Deccan yesterday has moved westward and now extends from Bombay, the Deccan and the Konkan Coast in to the Arabian Sea. It has occasioned light rain in Hyderabad, giving heavy cloud in the South of Bombay, the Deccan and the adjacent districts.

In the North-East of India light rain has fallen at a few stations in the Northern Districts and the skies have become moderately clouded except in the north.

In Burma, cloud has decreased and the skies are clear in the greater part of the Province. The moisture in the air is in defect at some stations and normal elsewhere, while the temperature has fallen and is normal or in defect.

In the North-East of India and Orissa, Gauhati, Jaepaiguri and Purnea had light falls of rain. The skies have cleared in the South-Western districs, but are lightly to moderately clouded in the rest of the Division. Humidity is normal or in slight defect and the temperature rise is in excess in parts of the northern and eastern districts and normal elsewhere.

In the United Provinces, Central India and the Central Provinces light cloud appeared in the South of the Central Provinces and to the East of the United Provinces, but elsewhere the skies remain clear and the air has become drier and contains less than the average amount of moisture, while the temperature is normal or in defect.

In the North-West of India, light cloud has appeared in Baluchistan at a few stations in the extreme North. Humidity is normal or in defect and the temperature has changed irregularly and is in excess in Baluchistan and normal or in defect in the rest of the Division.

In the Peninsula, Hyderabad, and Negapatam report 1-2 inch of rain and Trivandrum 1 1-2 inches. Cloud has become light in Madras and continues light to moderate in the Deccan. The moisture in the air is normal or in excess except in the North of Bombay and the Deccan while the temperature has fallen in the Deccan and is still in excess at some stations there and normal in the rest of the Peninsula.

Forecast.—A few falls of rain areprobable in the North-East of India, the Deccan and the South of India.

SIMLA, December 22.

The unsettled conditions which resulted in rain in North-East India yesterday passed Eastward and caused rain on Eastern borders, North-East India India and at Akyab. Cold weather depression is entering North-West India and giving cloud in Baluchistan and Upper India, but no precipitation has occurred. The shallow area of low pressure, which was over the Konkan Coast yesterday, is disappearing.

In the South of India a few falls of rain occured'

In Burma, Akyab had one and a half inches of rain. Cloud increased in Upper Burma and is now light to moderate amount there, but in Lower Burma the skies are almost clear.

In North-Fast India including Orissa, Chittagong, Silchar and Shillong report light falls of rain; the skies cleared except in the East Division.

In the United Provinces, Central India, and Central Provinces no cloud is reported.

In North-West India loud increased and the skies are lightly clouded in Baluchistan, North West Frontier Province and Kashmir and the greater part of the Punjab.

In the Peninsula light falls of rain occurred in Pamban, Tinnevelly, Mercara and Chitaldroog the skies are lightly to moderately clouded.

Forecast.—A few falls of rain are probable in Upper Burma, and South of India and light precipitation is possible in Kashmir.

STANDARD BAROMETER READINGS.

The reading of the barometer at the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 32 deg. F. and for Calcutta standard at 8 a.m. (local time) on the 21st December was 29·981. The hight of tide in the stream above zero of the tide gauge at Apollo Bunder was 19ft. at 8 a.m. (local time). The temperature correction for a mercurial barometer supposing the reading to be 30·00 and that of attached thermometor 80 deg. F. will be 14 and this will be higher or lower by ·01 for each 4 deh. In the case of aneroid no temperature correction is required. Should the hight of barometer cistern, either mercurial or aneroid, above zero of tide gauge be different from 47 feet it will read higher or lower by ·01 for each 11 feet. The readings givin above are distinct from those given in the daily weather report to which different corrections have been applied.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 21st DECEMBER.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Saturday, the 21st December, 1907, giving data for the preceding 24 hours:—

Punjab.—Skies are altogether free from cloud and the quantity of moisture in the air is about normal at Multan, Lahore, Sirsa, Ambala and Delhi and moderately less than it at Sirsa and Rawalpindi. Calm and westerly or north-westerly winds prevail generally. During night temperature was 4° to 6° cooler than usual at Multan, Rawalpindi and Lahore.

United Provinces.—Skies are clear and humidity is normal at Cawnpore, in slight excess at Manipuri and in moderate defect at Agra and Allahabad. Wind was blowing from south-westerly direction at Allahabad and from north-westerly direction at Agra. Calm was recorded at Manipuri, Jhansi and Cawnpore. Maximum temperature was fairly normal at Allahabad but apart from this temperatures both during day and night were cooler than usual throughout the district.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are practically clear and the air is slightly damper than usual at Jacobabad and more or less dry in other places. The direction of air movement was north-easterly at Jaipur and Karachi and north-westerly at Jacobabad. Ajmere recorded calm. During the day time, temperature was 4° to 5° below normal in Rajputana while during night it was 1° to 4° cooler in Sind and at Jaipur.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are altogether free from cloud and the moisture in the air is slightly above normal at Bhuj and Bhavnagar Para and moderately or considerably less in other places. Winds were variable in direction being south-westerly at Bhavnagar Para, north-westerly at Bhuj and easterly or north-easterly in most other places. Weather both during the day and night time was cooler than usual at the majority of the reporting stations.

Central Provinces.— Skies are clear or lightly clouded and the amount of moisture in the air is less than average throughout the district. Wind was blowing from northerly direction at Nagpur while calm and easterly or north-easterly breezes prevailed elsewhere. Yesterday's maximum was 4° cooler than usual at Saugor while last night's minimum was 3° to 9° cooler at Raipur, Jubbulpore, Saugor, Hoshangabad and Khandwa and 9° hotter at Chanda.

Konkan.—Skies are clear or moderately clouded and the air contains moisture more than usual everywhere. Wind direction was easterly or north-easterly at Bombay and Mormugao while calm was recorded at Ratnagiri and Karwar. Temperature during the day time was about normal or 1° to 3° cooler while during night temperature was 2° cooler at Bombay and 5° to 8° warmer at the remaining stations.

Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—The sky is overcast at Malegaon, Sholapur, Bijapur and Hyderabad and is clear or lightly clouded elsewhere. The air is considerably damper than usual at Hyderabad, Aurangabad, Bijapur and Sholapur and is slightly or considerably drier in other places. Wind was north-westerly at Ahmednagar, while calms and easterly or south-easterly breezes prevailed elsewhere. Yesterday's maximum was 12° cooler than usual at Hyderabad, fairly normal at Malegaon and 2° to 4° hotter in other places. Night temperature was 1° to 3° in defect of normal at Malegaon and Poona and 3° to 12° in excess elsewhere. Rain amounting to 0·61" has fallen locally at Hyderabad and in light showers at Belgaum.

General Remarks.—Weather over Bombay, Deccan and Hyderabad is slightly favourable for local showers. Fresh to strong north-westerly winds are likely to blow along the Konkan Coast.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

WINTER RICE IN BENGAL.

Character of the season.—The latter part of the season has been peculiarly unfavourable for the winter rice crop and consequently the anticipations of the preliminary forecasts have not been achieved. The rainfall in May and the first part of June was below the normal, but in the latter half of June it was sufficient to bring on the seedlings. In July, Bengal Chota Nagpur, Orissa and South Bihar suffered greatly from want of moisture It was not till late in August that the rain fell, and in most districts transplantation was greatly delayed. After having suffered from drought, Orissa, Chota Nagpur and portions of South Bihar suffered severely from floods in August. Some areas in Midnapore, Howrah, the 24 Parganas suffered from the same cause. In September some districts got rain but in October practically none fell throughout the whole Province. There was therefore, a total failure of crops on high lands.

Area cultivated.—The area cultivated with winter rice this year was 18,845,300 against 20,043,400 last year and a normal area of 20,824,900 acres.

Outturn—The highest outturn (83 per cent. of a normal crop) is reported from Darbhanga. In five districts the crop is between 70 and 80 per cent. of the normal. In four districts it is between 60 and 70 and in ten districts betweem 50 and 60. Thirteen districts report a crop less than 50 per cent. of the normal: Cuttack and Balasore 40 per cent. Burdwan and Birbhum 47 per cent., Bankura and Midnapore 44 per cent. Champaran 41 per cent., Jessore and Patna 38 per cent. Murshidabad 29 per cent., Palamau 25 per cent., while Nadia and Saran report only 17 and 10 per cent., respectively.

In all districts except Darjeeling the outturn is far below what was anticipated in the preliminary forecast. The outturn for the whole Province amounts to only 58 per cent.

CROPS OF BENGAL.

Character of the season.—The season throughout the Province was not favourable for the *bhadri* crops. In the beginning everything promised well and an area very little short of the normal was sown. In South-East Bengal, Bihar and portions of Chota Nagpur the heavy rains in June damaged the crops. Saran and South-Bihar suffered again in July through want of moisture. The crop in the Orissa, and Chota Nagpur Divisions and in the South Bihar districts suffered again from the abnormal rainfall in August. The absence of rain after the beginning of September intensified the injury done.

Area sown.—The total area sown with the different *bhadri* crops in the province amounted to 9,300,800 acres against 8,869,800 acres last year, and normal area of 9,584,000 acres.

Outturn—Darbhanga alone reports a normal crop. In four other districts the estimate varies from 90 to 100 per cent. in two from 80 to 90 per cent, in nine from 70 to 80 per cent. and in eight from 60 to 70 per cent. Six districts report a crop less than 60 per cent, of the normal while the districts of Bankura, Cuttack and Palaman report only 44, 44 and 37 per cent, respectively. The expectations of the perliminary forecast ahve not been satisfied in 28 districts and in only 2 have been exceeded.

The total outturn of the *bhadri* crops in the province is 72 per cent, of a normal crop against 90 per cent. estimated in the perliminary forecast. The failure is mainly due to the want of moisture in September and October, The District Officer's estimate the outturn of *bhadri* paddy is 72 per cent. The outturn of cleaned autumn rice, therefore, amounts to 23, 519,500 cwts, against 22,160,600 cwts estimated for 1906.

BURMA RICE.

Sumary of the Third Forecast of the Rice-crop in Burma for the year 1907-08.

On an average of the five years ending 19-5-06 the area under rice in the territory to which this forecast relates has represented some 8·9 per cent. of the total area under rice in British India. The area under rice cultivation in the fifteen principal rice-producing districts is now reported to be 7,29,964 acres or an increase of 322,271 acres over last year's area. The total fellow area is reported to be 493,742 acres and the area destroyed by floods 66,814 acres. Prospects are good eight of the districts reporting crops of or exceeding the normal. The surplus available for export is estimated at 2,514,000 tons of cargo rice equivalent to 42,610,169 cwts, of cleaned rice.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 7th Dec. on 504·35 Miles open

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,45,000	2,00,000	4,000	3,49,000
Or per mile of Railway	287	397	8	692
For previous 22 weeks of halfyear	29,13,173	39,02,653	88,676	69,04,502
Total for 23 weeks	30,58,173	41,02,653	92,676	72,53,502
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,68,017	2,75,307	3,285	4,46,609
Per mile of Ry. do.	333	546	7	886
Total to corresponding date do.	29,87,273	43,73,474	1 06,877	74,67,624

Decrease for the week.... Rs. 97,609
Do. to date .... „ 2,14,122

GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 7th Dec. on 141·41 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (estimated).	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	6,000	12,000	....	18,000
Or per mile of Railway	43	85	....	128
For previous 22 weeks of half-year	1,38,724	4,08,070	4,009	5,50,803
Total for 23 weeks	1,44,724	4,20,070	4,009	5,68,803
Comparison. Total for corresponding Week of previous year	5,599	31,141	112	36,852
Per mile of Ry. do.	40	220	1	261
Total to corspg date do.	1,24,381	4,37,248	4,926	5,66,555

Decrease for the week..... Rs. 18,852
Increase to date........ „ 2,248

PALANPUR-DEESA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 7th Dec. on 17·28 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts	Other Earnings (Estimated)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	500	250	....	750
Or per mile of Railway	29	14	....	43
For previous 22 weeks of half-year	9,504	5,848	33	15,385
Total for 23 weeks	10 004	6,098	33	16,135
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	334	772	6	1,112
Per mile of Ry. do.	19	45	....	64
Total to corresponding date do.	8,959	5,041	126	14,126

Decrease for the week... ... Rs. 362
Increase to date ... ... „ 2,009

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 7th Dec. on 1,768·25 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipt.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings estimated.	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	1,64,000	2,75,000	7,000	4,46,000
Or per mile of Railway	93	155	4	252
For previous 22 weeks of half-year	39,13,324	61,59,337	1,50,967	102,23,628
Total for 23 weeks	40,77,324	64,34,337	1,57,967	106,69,628
Comparison. Total for corresponding Week of previous year	1,68,346	3,98,835	4,810	5,71,991
Per mile of Ry. do.	95	225	3	323
Total to corspg date do.	39,03,342	60,14,330	1,45,813	100,63,685

Decrease for the week .. Rs. 1,25,991
Increase to date.......... „ 6,05,943

NAGDA-MUTTRA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 7th Dec. on 101 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Mercandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (estimated).	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	1,800	700	30	2,530
Or per mile of Railway	18	7	..	25
For previous 20 weeks of half-year	31,479	20,558	942	52,979
Total for 21 weeks	33,279	21,258	972	55,[illegible]
Comparison. Total for corresponding Week of previous year	..	..	..	..
Per mile of Ry. do.	..	..	..	..
Total to corspg date do.	..	..	..	..

CRICKET.

CEYLON TEAM VS. HINDU GYMKHANA.

Century by C. V. Metha.

The Malay team from Ceylon played the second match of their tour last Saturday and Sunday against the Hindu Gymkhana on the ground of the latter. The Hindu Gymkhana going into bat made 388 runs for 5 wickets, when they declared their innings closed. To the Gymkhana total of 388, Mr. C. V. Metha contributed 149 in faultness style, playing the Ceylon bowling with confidence. The Malay team made 216 in the first inning. They had to follow on, and in their second venture made 57 runs for 5 wickets when the stumps were drawn. The match thus resulted in a draw. The following are the scores:—

HINDU GYMKHANA.

1st Innings.

Agasker, b M M Jaldeen	13
C V Mehta, c and b A A Amath	149
Prabhakar, c Amath, b A C Amath	8
D K Telang, l-b-w, b M Warish	41
Shete, b M M Jaldeen	42
Date, not out	64
Wagle, not out	35
Narooker, Shivram, Bhavadeker, Daderker,	Did not bat.
Extras	36
Total	388

MALAY TEAM.

1st innings.

M H Jaldeen, b Shivram	0
A C Amath, l-b-w, b Date	41
M A Jaldeen, b Bhatwadekar	1
C H Mantara, b Shivram	4
M M Jaldeen, b Shivram	6
Warish, not out	76
A A Amath, b Date	4
T Ahamat, c Bhalwadekar, b Shivram	13
O Amath. b Date	0
M Sampan, b Mehta	20
S A Sulaiman, c Shivram, b Mehta	20
Extras	21
Total	216

MALAY TEAM.

2nd innings.

M H Jaldeen, b Shate	4
C H Mantara, not out	32
A C Amath, b Shete	4
M L Warish, b Shivram	1
M A Jaldeen, b Shete	0
M M Jaldeen, b Shete	0
The Rest, dit not bat.	
Extras	16
Total	67

BOWLING ANYLYSIS.

1st innings.

Bowler	O.	R.	M.	W.
M M Jaldeen	23	100	1	2
Warish	23	117	1	1
A C Amath	15	52	3	1
S Sulaiman	5	27	0	0
A A Amath	6	32	0	1
T Ahama	4	20	0	0
M A Jaldeen	1	4	0	0

MALAY TEAM.

1st innings.

Bowler	O.	R.	M.	W.
Shivram	17	60	0	4
Bhatwadekar	11	25	4	1
Daderker	4	18	0	0
Date	12	34	1	3
Wagle	6	23	0	0
C V Mehta	4	21	0	2
Nerooker	2	14	0	0

2nd innings.

Bowler	O.	R.	M.	W.
Bhatwadear	5	21	1	0
Waglo	4	8	1	0
Shivram	3	5	1	1
Shete	3	7	0	4

FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATION.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Great Britain.	Continent of Europe.	America.	Australia.	China.	Africa
Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Brest Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Aden Perfect
Via Turkey Perfect.	Via Turkey Perfect.	Via Valentia Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Cadiz Teneriffe Perfect.
Via Suez Perfect.	Via Suez Perfect.	Via Direct Cable Perfect.	—	Via Bhamo Interrupted.	Via Lisbon Vincent Perfect.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 22nd Dec. 1907.
(Difference in longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time Occupied in Transmission. Hrs.	Mts.
Turkey	19	3	25 p m	2 Days 23	35
Teheran	22	8	40 a m	—	9
Suez	22	2	20 p m	..	33

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

H. M. S. Encounter from Australia, and M. M. Steamer Polynesien from China arrived.

German mail steamer Zieten from London arrived.

NOTES.

Turkish route right (22-12-07).

Bhamo route to China interrupted beyond the Indian Frontier between Tengyueh and Yunchang (22-12-07).

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	6
B Mandvi, Chakla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	0	0	19
C Market, Dhobi Talao Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	0	0	20
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmi	0	0	4
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	0	22
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	1	1	5
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	9
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	11
Total	1	1	95
Total plague deaths to date	141,675		
Same date last year	3	2	102

SMALL-POX.

Attack.	Death.
2	0

THE RAT CAMPAIGN.

The following table shows the results of the rat campaign:—

DECEMBER, 20th 1907.

Ward.	Alive.	Dead.	Found Infected.
A	43	59	1
B	118	142	11
C	67	169	2
D	79	61	1
E	203	126	1
F & G	59	11	0
Total to date	575	568	16
Total rats killed			1,367

The Bookmaker Chard died at Calcutta on Saturday morning.

The Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Colaba, will be thankful for any presents of fruit, cake, &c., for the inmates of this institution during the Christmas season.



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SPORTING NEWS.

RACING.

Bombay Second Extra Meeting.

FIVE FAVOURITES WIN.

The second meeting of the Bombay racing season was held on Saturday when there was a very fair attendance on a hot day. Out of six races that were run, five warm favourites passed the post first to the delight of punters, but once more the programme was not gone through without an enquiry. This was into the running of Sherali, who was thought a moral certainty for the first race, the Auction Plate, after his performance on the previous Saturday, when he bolted and ran the five furlongs before actually winning the race. Now, on form, he appeared to have the race at his mercy and was made a very hot favourite, stable money even for Express and Muddaries failing to make any impression on the favourite's price. Coming into the straight it appeared he was going to romp in as he had formerly done, but when Taylor came at him on Express he fell back and the grey won without the whip. The result of the enquiry has not yet been made public. Express was bought for Rs. 1,350 by Major A. C. Pitman, R. A., who should find him useful as he seems likely to train on well.

All sorts of rumours went round the course about wires supposed to have been received about the Trials in Calcutta, but it was not till about the fourth race that it was known for certain that Stirabout had won and once more Mr. D. D. was congratulated on all sides.

The Holiday Plate had the appearance of being a race between two, Ashroff and Mudlool, and despite his mediocre display on the last occasion the latter was installed an even favouriate to go over an extra furlong. From the raising of the barrier Mudlool shot out and, though Ashroff passed Basheer at the distance and came after him, the favourite was never seriously troubled. It has been reported that the Stewards included this race with the first as one to be enquired into.

For the Seven Furlongs Winter Plate for big horses there were again two fancied, Admiral Crichton and Rosewater, who was known to have been suffering from fever during the latter part of the Poona season. Admiral Crichton eventually settled down to favouritism with a nibble for Epitome and Baritone. At the very start Rosewater had his chance spoilt by getting away badly, Epitome going out to make the pace from Sir Galahard and the favourite. Before the bend Admiral Crichton took the head and holding everything safe won with ease, Epitome dying away rapidly.

Knowing him to be in form from last week, the public jumped at any price about Peculiar for the Arab Trial Plate till he dwindled to five to two on, Antica and Rashad being fancied for a place, but neither of these could get there. Scarlet made the pace fast but gave up the lead to Peculiar after passing the half mile, and the little bay won from there with Williams looking back, though he might have had to get down to it had Krishan come along with his run earlier, as getting a bad run he secured his place with comfort.

Eight went out for the Little Arab Trial Plate and of these Grey Fal on, Rose and Mudlool were fancied, but Rose gradually extended, whereas Grey Falcon, whom we know to be fit, contracted, with Mudlool on his second outing next best fancied. Rose getting away badly was never in it, but there was a magnificent race between the two first favourites. Gancho made the pace to the three furlongs, where the pair passed him together. With Grey Falcon on the rails they raced locked together the whole distance of the straight, and though Mudlool had a very slight lead at the commencement of the Stand, Grey Falcon answered gamely and just caught the judge's eye. None but those in a line with the post could confidently name the winner till the numbers had gone up.

The Christmas Plate came last and did punters a good turn, though a large number had their money on the second. Killua and Faded Lily were the chosen two, the former contracting to halves, and both got away well, with Vocalist, Projecture poorly and Jubilant badly. After going a furlong the mare led the favourite, but going wide at the bend let him up inside. From here it was a magnificent race, Killua just getting his head in front kept it there to the post. It was a grand ending to a good day's racing, and had Faded Lily been able to get the rails there would have been no question as to the winner. Interest will now centre on the Calcutta Meeting, and there will be no more racing in Bombay this year.

Details :—

AUCTION PLATE. Distance—½ mile.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 100; third, Rs. 50. For Arabs 14 hands and under which have never won flat race value Rs. 500 or over, 14 hands entered for Rs. 1,500 to carry 10st. W. L. 3lbs. for each Rs. 100 down to Rs. 500. Allowance—Ponies not won race value Rs. 150 or over 7lbs.

Mr A Essayie's Express 8st (carried 8st 1lb)Taylor 1
Mr R R S's Sherali 9st 2lbs ....Williams 2
Mr G K's Muddaries 8st ....C B Mahomed 3

Also ran—Chum Chuman 8st, Maluan 7st 12lbs, Bourbon 7st 8lbs, Frederick 7st 2lbs, and Faugh-a-Ballagh 6st 7lbs carried 6st 12lbs.

Betting—3 to 1 on Sherali, 5 to 1 Muddaries, 10 to 1 Express, 12 to 1 Maluan, and 15 to 1 and longer odds the others.

The Race—After giving some trouble at the gate, Sherali jumped out with a clear lead from Muddaries and Express in a bunched field. Nearing the bend Express closed on Muddaries and then passed him, the favourite appearing to be going easy. Express, however, stuck to his guns and gradually drawing up to Sherali, who seemed to be able to go no faster, passed him near the stand and won by half length, a length and a half next. Time.—54 4/5 secs.

Express was bought by Major A. C Pitman, R.A., for Rs. 1,350.

THE HOLIDAY PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100. For Arab Ponies 14 hands and under which have not won flat race value Rs. 500 or over since 31st March, 1905. 14 hands to carry 8st 12lbs, W I Penalties—Winners since 31st March, 1906, race value Rs. 190, or over: once, 4lbs; twice, 7lbs; thrice, 12lbs; oftener, 16lbs, Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr Readymoney's Mudlool 8st 6lbs (carried 8st 8lbs) Williams 1
Mr Ranchordass' Ashroff 9st 5lbs, Trahan......... 2
Mr A S Omer's Basheer 8st 4lbs (carried 8st 6lbs), Oomerkhan 3
Mr A Rahman's Fadil 7st 12lbs, Ahmed 4

Also ran—Dumra 8st 13lbs, Madrid 8st 12lbs, Patna 8st 9lbs, Lucky Jung 8st 6lbs, Arcadia 7st 11lbs, Sabah 8st 4lbs (carried 8st 5lbs), and Little John 7st 21lbs (carried 7st 5lbs).

Betting—Evens Mudlool, 5 to 2 against Ashroff, 8 to 1 Basheer, 5 to 1 Dumra, 15 to 1 and 20 to 1 the others.

The Race—Mudlool immediately jumped out clear of Basheer, and Ashroff soon drew up into third place, passing Dumra. He began to close on Basheer at the bend and coming outside passed him but could make no impression on Mudlool, who won comfortably by a length and a quarter, three lengths next. Time—1 min. 22 secs.

THE WINTER PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100. For Horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 1,200 or over since 31st March, 1905. W. A. and C. reduced 12lbs. Penalties—Winners since 31st March, 1905, race value Rs. 500 or over: once, 5lbs; twice, 10lbs; thrice, 14lbs; oftener, 18lbs. Winner since the above date races, value Rs. 190 or over, of the aggregate value of Rs 4,000 or over, 10lbs in addition to above penalties. Allowances.—Horses which have not won race value Rs. 190 or over, 7lbs. Horses landed since 1st September, 1907, 5lbs in addition to landing allowance in General Conditions. Ponies 14-2 and under, 5lbs. Distance—7furlongs.

H. H. Aga Khan and Aga S. Shah's Admiral Crichton 8st 12lbs..............Kamad 1
Mr S A Wahed's Sir Galahad 7st 8lbs (carried, 8st) Taylor 2
Mr R M Phillips' Epitome 8st 7lbs (carried 8st 8lbs).................................. Williams 3

(Winner trained by Ali Mahomed.)

Also ran—Rosewater 8st 7lbs and Baritone 8st 2lbs (carried 8st 3lbs).

Betting—6 to 4 on Admiral Crichton, 7 to 4 against Rosewater, 6 to 1 Baritone and 8 to 1 Epitome.

The Race—Rosewater got away badly behind Baritone, Epitome getting a lead of two lengths from Admiral Crichton and Sir Galahad. At the three furlongs the favourite drew level and Epitome fell back to Sir Galahad. Kamad had a good hold and without asking the question won, pulling up by two and a half lengths, a length next. Time.—1min. 30 secs.

THE ARAB TRIAL PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100. For Arabs which have not won flat race value Rs. 1,500 or over since 31st March, 1905. W A raised 4lbs. Allowances—Horses which have not won since 31st March, 1905, race value Rs. 1,200 or over, 7lbs; Rs. 500 or over, 14lbs; Rs. 190 or over, 21lbs (not accumulative). Ponies 14 hands and under 5lbs. Distance—1 mile.

Mr G K's Peculiar 8st 7lbs..................Williams 1
Messrs Aga Mirza Ahmed and S A Wahed's Krushan 7st 10lbs (carried 8st 1lb) .....Taylor 2
Mr Newton's Hadee 8st 3lbs..................Yusuff 3
Mr T Tejpal's Scarlet 8st 3lbs.................Kano 4

(Winner trained by Shaik Kassum.)

Also ran—Antica 8st 9lbs, Rashad 7st 10lbs, and Melbourne 8st.

Betting—5 to 2 on Peculiar, 6 to 1 against Rashad, and Antica, 10 to 1 Krushan and Scarlet, and longer odds the others.

The Race—After some delay they got away to a fair start, Scarlet getting away, increasing his lead to three length with Rashad, Peculiar and Antica showing out from the bunch. Nearing the half mile Peculiar drew up second and soon caught Scarlet to lead at the bend where Rashad was under the whip. Peculiar had them all set and won comfortably by a length and a half, though Krushan put in a very strong run on the outside which landed him second by three-quarters from Hadee just in front of a bunch. Time—1 min. 53 2-5 secs.

THE LITTLE ARAB TRIAL PLATE—Winner Rs. 500; second Rs. 200; third Rs. 100. For Arabs 13-3 and under which have not won flat race value Rs. 1,500 or over since 31st March, 1905. 13-3 to carry 9st. 12lbs. W. I. Allowance—Ponies which have not won since 31 March, 1905, race value Rs. 1,200 or over, 7lbs.; Rs. 500 or over, 14lbs.; Rs. 190 or over, 21lbs.; (not accumulative). Distance—5 furlongs.

Aga S Shah's Grey Falcon 9st 2lbs Kamad........ 1
Mr Readimoney's Mudlool 8st 6lbs, Heeroo...... 2
Mr D Ranchordass's Engine 8st 12lbs Trahan ... 3
Mr H Sulleman's Gaucho 8st 5lbs Ahmed......... 4

(Winner trained by Ali Mahomed).

Also ran.—Rose (9st. 5lbs.), Sahoon (8st. 6lbs) Koomash (8st 5lbs, carried 8st 6lbs) and Rajput 8st 3lbs (carried 8st 5lbs.)

Betting—2 to 1 on Grey Falcon, 3 to 1 Rose, 5 to 2 Mudlool 10 to 1 and longer odds the others.

THE RACE:—Gancho got away slightly in front of Mudlool, Grey Falcon and Engine with Rose in the ruck of a Straddled field. At the three furlong Grey Falcon on the inside and Mudlool came into the lead followed by Engine and raced neck and neck. It was a ding-dong race all the way and at the end of it Grey Falcon just got his neck in front. The Judge returned half a length, two and a half next.

Time—1 min. 7 secs.

THE CHRISTMAS PLATE.—Winners, Rs. 500; second Rs. 200; third Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Horses. Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr R R S's Killua 10st 7lbs............. Williams 1
Mr D Runchordass's Faded Lily 7st 12lbs, (carried 7st 13lbs)...........................Trahan 2
Mr W Hutchin's Vocalist 7st 11lbs, (carried 8st. 1lb), ...Beaumont 3

(Winner trained by Byramji Rustomji).

ALSO RAN—Projecture, (8st 5lbs), Jubilant 6st 8lbs. (carried 6st 10lbs).

BETTING:—2 to 1 on Killua, 2 to 1 against Faded Lily, 8 to 1 Projecture and longer odds the others

THE RACE:—Jubilant got away very badly behind Projecture, Vocalist, on the inside, and Faded Lily getting the best of the start. As soon as they settled down Faded Lily had a length lead of Killua who was the same distance in front of Vocalist. These positions remained to the bend where Faded Lily going wide left Killua plenty of room to come through. After a tremendous finish Killua won by a neck on the post, two lengths next.

Time.—1 min. 2 1-5 secs.

BILLIARDS.

Some Remarkable Performances by Stevenson.

As announced in your columns some days ago, Mr. H. W. Stevenson, the Billiard Champion, is in Bombay and to-night will give his first exhibition here at Pyrke's Billiard Saloon playing Lt. Carnell, one of the back markers in local Tournaments. It is an opportunity of watching the most attractive player in the world which should not be missed and there should be a large attendance in the room on the first floor of the establishment which we may depend will be fitted up as suitably as possibly both for players and spectators.

On January 4th he is booked to play at the Royal Bombay Yacht Club and arrangements are being made for him to appear at the Bombay Gymkhana and Bombay Club, at the former probably on the 7th, and in the meantime he will give exhibitions as the guest of H. H. the Gaekwar of Baroda during Christmas.

Stevenson left Liverpool on March 8th for his tour via Canada to Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Burma and India. He comes here after a most successful season in Calcutta where, when playing against Mr. Murray of Moughyr, he made a break of 603, which is a new record for India. On January 10th he leaves here for Calcutta by the Northern route via Rawalpindi, Lahore, Lucknow, etc., and from there down to Madras and then Colombo from where he sails for England on March 8th.

Since wresting the title of Champion from Dawson in 1905, Stevenson has simply electrified billiard enthusiasts by his marvellous touch and the rapidity of his scoring, he now being the most attractive player one could find to watch. The great Roberts was renowned for the pace at which he compiled, but in Australia especially they have reason to believe Stevenson is an even faster scorer. Whereas Roberts put up 500 in 31 minutes Stevenson made the same in 29, claiming to average 100 in six minutes when in form. This suffices to show why at the present time he is such a favourite at Home and invariably proves a good "draw."

As in every game, statistics, are always interesting and fittingly enough, the Champion has some startling records to his credit. To begin with, he is the only player who has made two breaks, of 500 or over in one day, and this he has done twice. First at Thurston's London, on February 19th, 1905 against Dawson when he made 571 and 509. He did it again with crystalate ball on October 3rd, 1906 at Oldham against Lovejoy when he made 539 and 546. In addition he holds the record for the highest score with ivory balls, 802, and with crystalate balls 703; the first when playing Dawson and the other against Harverson in 1905 and 1903 respectively.

In 1906 he put up a marvellous record which, however, he subsequently beat. He was playing William at Manchester and continuing from the 1st to the 2nd February made 548, 169 and 658 in succession, totalling 1,375 in three visits to the table. It was against Parker in Australia that he beat this by making 475, 391 and 580 in succession, totalling 1,446. During the very same match he scored 999 in 55 minutes averaging 5½ minutes for the 100 during the greater part of his play; his 580 there established a new Australian record.

The last game Stevenson played at Home was in Barroughes and Watts' Tournament when in 9,100 up he beat Dawson by 5,269 and made breaks of 351, 327, 212, 353, 348, 538, 579, 392 and 702, averaging 89·83 for the week and for the Tournament of five weeks' play 49·99. Before commencing his tour he had made 41 breaks of over 500 and with two in Australia and one in Calcutta he now brings this to 44, twice as many as any other player since the push-barred rules were introduced in 1898.

These extraordinary achievements suffice to shew what a marvellous player we have now with us, and to prepare us for some of the brilliance we may expect to-night.

REX.

CALCUTTA POLO TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBE 20.

In the Polo Tournament here, first round, the 17th Lancers play the Carabiniers.

The 15th Hussars are a bye.

Calcutta play Jodhpur, and

Cooch Behar play the Rajput Pilgrims.

CALCUTTA RACES.

The Trials Won by Stir-about.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 21.

The first day of the meeting proper brought a large crowd with quite an unusual number of ladies, and their pretty frocks added greatly to charm of the always attractive scene. Business in the ring was brisk and Mr. Harding's reappearance seemed to be very popular to judge by the engrossed crowd which always surrounded his booth. One stand was empty and early in the afternoon it became known that Chard had died in the morning. He was well liked and will be much missed by his patrons. It was again a favorites' day, as except in the Ellenborough Plate the shortest price horse won each time though there were many more backed in each race than in the extra meetings and Books could not have such very bad time, especially as places were mostly secured by outsiders. Out of those left in Loch Lochie retired from the Burdwan Cup leaving but five to face the flag. Mallard was, of course, a very hot favourite. Kipling stuck to the favourite till the home turn, but then when it came to racing there was only one horse in it and Mallard went away and won any how. Marmalade ran a pretty good horse and when he is acclimatised he is likely to do well. In the International Pony Plate Scott was rightly thought to have the race in his stable. Lady Grey was considered the pick at first and was backed down to very short money, but then the whisper went round for others and Lady Avon was backed down to even money, the grey going back to fours. Wakeful was the only other fancied. Metal Boy, Sir Roland, Blix, Morette, and St. Victor were all absentees from the Grand Stand Plate leaving eleven of them to run for it. Florrie, Morette and Lady Metal were the only ones much backed, J. B's mare being the favorite. She did not give her backers much cause for uneasiness as getting well out of the gate she was away in front from the start to finish and though Bundah who had been next throughout the race made a strong challenge from the distance, the mare was still full of going and won fairly. Devil's Limit who should have run well was left at the post and got no show while Morette gave no sign of form shown in her gallops.

The great interest of the day centred in the Trials for which a whole eleven of them started. Stir-about of course remained a hot favorite with Sermon the next most fancied. In the race Jiji's three year old proved himself a great worse and won with consummate cases. Melsom took no risks and going to the front from the beginning was 6 lengths ahead of anything, at the half mile with Botha next, Fitzgrafton lying fourth, by the home turn the Cup favorite going strong was third and Stir-about began to come back a bit, but his lead was too great and though Botha ran a very good horse he could get no nearer than a length to the English horse. Sacristan came up on the outside with a great rush from the distance and beat Fitzgrafton for third place by two lengths. The place positions were a great surprise as Sermon and Metal Boy who were expected to run well, were never in the first seven at any part of the journey and Fitzgrafton seemed to lack his old speed though we shall see on Tuesday whether he can wear them all down in the extra three quarter mile. Only three went out for the Ellenborough Plate again leaving eleven. Lipscombe was surprisingly a hot favorite considering the number of starters. But it was not clear on what form he was backed and he showed none in the race which produced a very fine finish between Sea Spray and Pendred, the filly just managing to stave off the latter's challenge by a head. Colina ran well to the home turn, but could not last out.

The Paddock Plate looked a very open race and at the opening of books Merrie Elsie was a favourite with Bon Bon next. The most fancied. Honest Lady, stood at 4 to 1; then came a sudden rush and Scott's mare was wiped out altogether while Merry Elsie retired to 7 to 2. It is hard to see on what they backed Bon Bon who appears to have been badly treated by handicappers. Last week he was done too wide after his race and should hardly have been asked to carry another 7lbs in much better company than he was meeting there. The Match was all but a fiasco. The following are the details :—

BURDWAN CUP.

Hon Apcar's Mallard 10st 8lbs...............C Hoyt 1
E J Marshall's Kipling 11st 3lbs ... ... Capt Barrett 2
Holme's Marmalade III 9st 4lbs...........Thomas 3

Also ran—Betrayer 10st 4lbs and Lamrock 9st 10lbs.

Betting—5 to 2 on Mallard, 3 to 1 against Kipling, 20 to 1 Marmalade III, 10 to 1 Betrayer and 14 to 1 Lamrock.

The winner was trained by Kipling.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 13 on the winner, Rs. 11 and Rs. 12 for places.

The Race.—Kipling showed the way over the first hurdle and settled down with a slight lead of the other, the rest well up. Then turning the corner near the mile Lamrock joined Kipling in second place, but shortly fell back third. Here Betrayer was lying a bad last. From the Old Stand Kipling drew level with Mallard and the pair raced together till after the last hurdle, when the weight told on Kipling, and Mallard holding him safe ran easily and won by three and a half lengths, with three lengths between second and third and six lengths between third and fourth.—Time 3 minutes 24 1/2 secs.

INTERNATIONAL PONY PLATE.

Scott and Marshall's Lady Avon 8st 9lbs...Killorn 1
J B's Wakeful 9st 4lbs...........................Barret 2
Bell's Psalm 9st 7lbs................................Firth 3
Scott and Bunting's Lady Grey............Robbins 4

Also ran—Matalgia 9st 7lbs, Dupleix II 9st 4lbs and Wild Boy 9st 4lbs.

Betting—Evens Lady Avon, 5 to 1 against Wakeful, 4 to 1 Lady Grey, 10 to 1 Psalm and 20 to 1 Matalgia and Dupleix.

The winner was trained by J. D. Scott.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 18 on the winner, and Rs. 15 and Rs. 18 for places.

The Race.—Lady Avon and Lady Grey cut out the work together and soon held a clear lead of the rest, lying in a bunch. Then at the quarter mile Lady Grey was in difficulties and could not keep her place alongside Lady Avon, and at the distance Wakeful and Psalm overhauled Lady Grey but could not get near Lady Avon, who finished, going comfortably by one and a quarter lengths, with two and half a lengths between second and third and eight lengths third and fourth. Time 1 minute 30½ seconds.

GRAND STAND PLATE.

J B's Florrie 7st...................................Melsom 1
Gokuldas and Nanji's Lady Metal 9st 12lbs, A Hoyt 2
Austin's Bundah 9st 7lbs.......................Elliott 3
Paris and Marshall's Morette 7st 7lbs......O'Neil 4

Also ran—Windy 9st 4lbs, Santa Maria 9st 2lbs, Dunsinane 8st 8lbs, Sir Ulric 8st 5lbs, Devil's Limit 8st 2lbs, Springlock 7st 11lbs and Morsel 7st 7lbs.

Betting—2 to 1 Florrie, 5 to 1 Lady Metal, 6 to 1 Bundah, 5 to 2 against Morrette, 6 to 1 Morsel and Dunsinane and 20 to 1 the rest.

The winner was trained by Ramshaw.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 26 on the winner and Rs. 15, Rs. 19 and Rs. 35 for places.

The Race.—Florrie was quickest on her legs and at once took the lead, followed by Lady Metal and Bundah. There was no change in the front ranks till at the quarter mile Morrette joined Lady Metal and Bundah. Then in the straight Lady Metal essayed to catch Florrie while Bundah and Morette were under the whip. Florrie keeping the lead to the end won by a length, with two and a half lengths between second and third and half a length between third and fourth. Time 1min. 4 1/4 secs.

THE TRIALS.

Jijis' Stirabout 8st 13lbs ....Melsom 1
Bell's Botha 8st 10lbs ....Firth 2
Goculdas and Nanji and Jones' Sacristan II.A Hoyt 3
Hon Apcar's Fitzgrafton 9st 3lbs ....Blades 4

Also ran—Sermon 9st 3lbs, Golden Gleam 9st 3lbs, Amplify 9st 8lbs, Metal Boy 8st 7lbs and Saloon 7st 8lbs.

Betting—5 to 2 on Stirabout, 4 to 1 against Sermon, 6 to 1 Fitzgrafton, 12 to 1 Saloon and Sacristan and 20 to 1 the rest.

The winner was trained by Mumford.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 18 on winner, Rs. 14, Rs. 34 and Rs. 24 for places.

The Race.—Botha, was first to show out of the beautiful start and after fifty yards Stirabout came out and led from Botha with Saloon third and Fitzgrafton and Amplify next in order. At the six furlongs Stirabout held quite an eight lengths lead, and the other places next to him were unchanged, till coming along the hospital stretch Saloon dropped and Sacristan II and Sermon got abreast of Botha and these eventually made a great race for second and third places, Stirabout keeping his lead and going easy at the finish. Won by two and a half lengths with half a length between the second and third and two lengths between the third and fourth Time 1 minute 42½ seconds.

ELLENBOROUGH PLATE.

Deakin's Sea Spray 8st 10lbs ....Robbins 1
Torrington's Pendred 9st 12lbs.................Drew 2
Sri Pal Singh's Flotsam 8st 6lbs.........Bradshaw 3
Mackenzie's Colina 7st 6lbs...................Baichau 4

Also ran—Jack Shepperd 9st 8lbs, Mercides 9st 5lbs, Elgin 8st 9lbs, Lipscombe 8st 8lbs, Strathspey 8st 8lbs, Loyal 7st 11lbs and Abet 7st 8st.

Betting—Evens Sea Spray, 5 to 1 Flotsam and Mercides, 6 to 1 Pendred, 8 to 1 Colina, Sens and Abet, 12 to 1 the rest.

The winner was trained by J B Scott.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 27 on the winner, Rs. 16, Rs. 60 and Rs. 31 for places.

The Race—Abet showed at the head of the field from a good start and finally took the lead attended by Sea Spray, and these two kept in front till near the home turn, where Abot fell back and Sea Spray was left with the lead. Then in the run home Pendred and Flotsam challenged the leader, near the big Stand Pendred looked like having the race, when Robbins by a fine effort brought Sea Spray again and snatched the verdict by a head, with three-quarters of a length between second and third and a neck between third and fourth. Time 1 minute 17 seconds.

PADDOCK PLATE.

J W Scott's Honest Lady 10st .... Killorn 1
Field's Fireworks 8st 2lbs .... Blades 2
Field's Nirvana 6st 8lbs .... Ferguson 3
Shah's Sugar Apple 7st 4lbs............... A Hoyt 4

Also ran—Killeevan 10st 8lbs, Kunadan 11st 4lbs, Our State 10st, Bon-Bon 9st 3lbs, Merry Elsie 8st 1lb, Automatic 7st 4lbs, Nirvana 6st 10lbs, Lady Bentworth 6st 12lbs and Trenyerman 6st 9lbs.

Betting—6 to 4 on Honest Lady and Our State, 3 to 1 Merry Elsie and Fireworks, 4 to 1 Sugar Apple and Bon-Bon, 6 to 1 Nirvana and 10 to 1 the rest.

The winner was trained by the owner.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 22 on the winner, Rs. 15, Rs. 15, Rs. 20 and Rs. 24 for places.

The Race.—From a very level start Sugar Apple and Automatic made a play in front of the field and led to the half mile bend, where Fireworks and Honest Lady overhauled them. At the bend these two were running level in front, till from the distance Honest Lady drew clear and came in easy, winning by two lengths, with seven lengths between second and third and one length between third and fourth. Time 2 minutes 11 seconds.

THE MATCH

Mr. J. Love's Tycannah 9st 8lbs ....Thomas 1
Mr. Manning's Sparkle 7st 1lb ....Melsom 2

Betting:—5 to 2 on Sparkle, 6 to 4 against Tycannah.

The Totalizator paid Rs. 3 on the winner.

The Race:—They raced level till the four furlongs when Tycannah took lead, then from the three furlongs Sparkle came with a great run but going wide at the turn was out of the race. Tycannah won as he liked by ten lengths. Time—1 min 6¼ secs.

(Winner trained by J. White.)

BETTING ON THE VICEROY'S CUP.

The following are the only prices quoted after the races on the Viceroy's Cup.

5 to 4 against Stir-about. 6 to 4 against Fitzgrafton, as nothing else seemed to be enquired after.

BANGALORE RACES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, DECEMBER 22.

The following is the result of the Bangalore Races run on Saturday evening:—

All races Rs. 200 of which Rs. 50 for second horse.

STEWARDS' PLATE.—Five furlongs.

Mr Hannyington's King's Mirror 8st 12lbs ..Meah Jan 1
Major R H Hayes' Black Knight 8st 8½lbs.........Rajoo 2
Col Desaraj Urs' Little Admiral 9st 2lbs......Thompson 3

Betting—6 to 4 on Little Admiral and King's Mirror and 3 to 1 against Black Knight.

Won by ½ length with 3 lengths between second and third. Time—1 min 9 3-5 secs.

PARK PLATE.—Four furlongs.

Mr Jacob Sait's Sir Simon 7st 13lbs ....Meah Jan 1
Mr J B S's Sir Trenton 10st 6lbs................Thompson 2
Mr Jacob Saits' Noble Boy 7st 11lbs .....Narayansamy 3

Also ran—Mr Ramatulla Sait's Manganese 7st 13lbs, Yacoob and Colonel Jones' V C 7st 3lbs Krishna.

Betting—6 to 4 on Sir Trenton, 2 to 1 against Sir Simon and V C 6 to 1 against Noble Boy and Manganese.

Won by 2¼ lengths with 4 lengths between second and third. Time—55 seconds.

ALIASKER PLATE.—Five furlongs.

Mr Haji Oosman Saite's William Rufus 9st 7lbs Meah Jan 1
Mr Aga Abdulla's Nonjlus 9st...... ....Narayansamy 2
Mr Ramshaw's Girjistan 9st 10lbs ....Thompson 3

Also ran—Capt Heyland's St Martin 4½ Rajoo.

Betting—6 to 4 on Girjistan, Evens William Rufus, 2 to 1 against St Martin and 3 to 1 Nonplus.

Won by 2 lengths, 4 lengths dividing second and third. Time—1 minute 13 4-5 seconds.

MACINTIRE PLATE.—Five furlongs.

Col Desaraj Urs' Hobbaway 7st 11lbs .....Narayansamy 1
Mr Sayed Mohideen's Camilla 8st 10lbs.........Krishna 2
Colonel Desaraj Urs' Myrtle W 9st 7lbs ..... Thompson 3

Also ran—Mr Hanyingtons Fortunatu's 8st 1lb Meah Jan.

Betting—6 to 4 on Bobbaway, Evens Fortunatus and 4 to 1 against Myrtle an Camilla.

Won by one length with a good third. Time 1 minute 8 4-5 seconds.

POLO PONY RACE.—2½ furlongs.

Colonel Connolly's Mauser 10st 4lbs ....Mr Spinks 1
Mr C R Bruce's Egara 9st 11½lbs..................Owner 2
Capt Walker's D N S 9st 4lbs......................Meah Jan 3

Betting—6 to 4 on Mawser, 2 to 1 against Egara and D N S.

Won by 1¼ lengths, the same distance dividing second and third. Time 34 4-5 seconds.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

Eastern Command Native Army.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, DECEMBER 21.

The Eastern Command Native Army Hockey Tournament which began on the 16th of December was brought to a close this evening when the 6th Jats, in a very spirited game, were defeated by the 48th Pioneers after a close game by 3 to one.

In the Semi-Finals played off last evening the 6th Jats beat the Dinapore team by 2 to one.

On both occasions the grounds were packed, great excitement prevailing in the finals.

This evening, the gama was unusually keenly contested and both sides displayed good form.

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YACHT CLUB RACES.

SPORT was marred again on Saturday by want of wind but in spite of this a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all hands.

There were fourteen entries in the ships' boat class and there should have been two more if the entries of two boats from the Palinurus had not got mislaid on their way to the Honorary Secretary.

The start was a pretty sight as the crowd of boats came up to the line. The S. M. Galley led over the line but there were six or seven others well up, with the rest trailing along in a stream. They way to Tucker Beacon, led among the shipping against a strong tide, and skilful navigation was necessary. The Hyacinth's galley, ingeniously avoided most of the difficulties by hauling in her sheets and sailing sideways right out beyond Middle Ground without making any headway and thus giving herself, an hour or so later, a clear course to Tucker Beacon. The Hyacinth's 34 cutter tackled the difficulties of this leg boldly and circumventing them ran away from the rest and had a long lead at the Beacon which she never lost, sailing the course faultlessly all through and winning a well deserved victory. The S. M. Cutter sailed well and took second prize but still was a good ten minutes behind the leader on the corrected time.

Isca and Eileen were absent from the A Class race, the former having dropped a chunk of lead off her keel when ashore for cleaning. Turquoise had much the best of a half hearted start, Melody and Sapphire being both well behind.

Sapphire was slow with her sail drill and did not even break out their topsail for a long time. It was a run to North Karanja and Melody kept Sapphire's weather and was ahead of her at the turn. Turquoise had already dropped astern. With the prevailing light wind it was disappointing to find that it was practically a fetch up to B buoy and there was no sign of a breeze. Sapphire worked past Melody, while Turquoise, dropping steadily behind, gave up. The race, after this, developed into an attempt by Sapphire to run away from Melody but the latter stuck grimly to her opponent's heels and with some ease won her third successive first prize. Trixie showed us how a start should be managed in the B class race coming up well to time with everything set and a full head of steam. The run down was not to her liking, although she has hitherto been always considered good off the wind, and she let the others past her, Peewit being round first and a mixture of Pixie and Sayonara being next. They nearly fetched up to B buoy and Trixie once more worked into the lead which she kept till the end. Peewit and Sayonara had a great race all round in which we were surprised to see the latter get the worst of it in her own weather. Under such conditions we certainly should have expected to see Sayonara leading the class instead of trailing dejectedly behind. Trixie and Pixie dropped Peewit a little on the windward work but not enough for their own purposes and she won a well earned victory by two and a half minutes. The entry for C Class must have been a record one, consisting of ten Tomtits and Jean, Valkyrie's scratching, however, reduced the total to cross the lines to the rounder number.

There was a bit of a struggle at the start for the weather berth, in which Tomtit came off best leading over with Maud under her lee and Lapwing on her weather quarter. The latter with great subtlety at once luffed and ran up in shore well out of the apparent course while the others held on for the buoy. Tomtit soon ran clear of the rest and was well ahead at the buoy. Midget had taken the worst possible course with a strong ebb tide, but nevertheless had for some unknown reason made very good way and was second round. Lapwing had kept a clear berth to windward and was close on her heels. The rest came round in a regular scrimmage from the onlooker's point of view and it says a good deal for the handling of the boats that in such a strong tide none either hit the buoy or each other.

It was a close haul up to buoy and Lapwing soon worked into second place, Clutha coming up to third. Wagtail was making her debut and it was sporting of her skipper to turn out at all as his sails had only been bent the day before. We are glad to see that he also holds to the golden rule of the Bombay yachtsman which never miss a race.

We notice that neither of the new boats are beauties as far as lines go both being like Lapwing in their upper works and being without the pretty sheer that characterised the older boats, noticeably Coralie and Maud.

At B buoy Tomtit had a good lead although she had to make a couple of extra turns to weather the buoy. Lapwing weathered it nicely while Clutha also had to put in a couple of extra tacks. Maud nearly came to grief at the turn, at one moment she looked as if she was trying to sit on the buoy for a rest. Positions were unchanged on the run back to North Karanja and Tomtit went round with her time in hand from those near her. The wind now improved a little and soon after shifted to the north, throwing out Lapwing and Maud who had both made speculative tacks northward. Curlew was most favoured and also went uncommonly well being only a length astern of Lapwing at the finish had the same ahead of Clutha. She was nearly put out on the line by the inconsiderate behaviour of some yachtsmen who had left their dinghy on the Club side of the schooner, Curlew missing it by a miracle in the endeavour to scrape past. Curlew scored most her second win in her second race which must be gratifying to her owner. Jean showed a great improvement all through the race and went well on all points being second with Clutha third. The Sailing Committee have been busy lately in writing grateful letters to the numerous donors of cups for the forthcoming Regatta. It has already been found necessary to add an extra day to this function and the list of trophies is rapidly assuming gratifying proportions. The Commodore, Mr. C. T. R. Scovell, has promised cups for all three classes to be sailed for on outside course. Mr. T. Morrison, I.C.S., has offered cups which will go to A and B classes, while Dr. F. M. Gibson is giving cups for B and C. The "Sporting Age" is living up to its reputation by giving a cup to C class which is promised as an annual event, and there are rumours of more to come. After the Regatta we are promised a special day for the "Town Cup" presented as last year by that worthy representative of Bombay, Mr. George Lund, and we shall have another event of the same kind in the race for the R. E. Cup presented by the Bombay Officers of the Royal Engineers who have always taken a leading part in the sport. Both these two trophies will be sailed for by the whole racing fleet and big entries are certain.

In addition we have Challenge Cup presented by our late Governor Lord Lamington, the destiny of which is not quite settled, but it is probable that this will be put up for annual competition by boats of the Royal Navy.

A CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sailed at 3-30 p.m. on Saturday

Names of Boats.	Time All'ces. M S	Entered by	Start at H M	Time of Arrival. H M S	Corrected Time. H M S
Sapphire ...	12 40	R H H Hopkins and Capt Mater RE	3 30	5 43 39	2 0 59½
Turquoise...	18 31	Mr P J Preston..	3 30	Gave up	
Isca	30 12	H L Cleaver	3 30	Did not start	
Melody ...	23 24	J B K Macbeth...	3 30	5 49 3	1 55 39

Course No. 31 reversed 11-6 miles,—1st Prize won by Melody—Time-limit—6-30 p.m. Wind N W Strength Light.

B CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sailed at 3-35 p.m. on Saturday.

Name of Boats	Time All'ces M. S.	Entered by	Start at H M	Time of Arrival. H M S	Corrected Time H M S
Mannikin...	2 12	Officers R A......	3 35	Did not Start	
Sayonara ...	2 12	Mr A Erickson and A L Whitell ...	3 35	6 1 17	2 24 5
Trixie	Scr	Officers Royal Scotts	3 35	5 55 49	2 20 49
Peewit.....	7 20	Mr F V Evans and D Fraser	3 35	6 0 21	2 18 1
Pixie	Scr	Mr J E Aspinwall	3 35	5 58 21	2 22 21

Course No. 18—8-7 miles—1st Prize won by Peewit and Trixie saves entrance fee—Time-limit 6-30 p.m. Wind N W Strength Light.

C CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sailed at 3-40 p.m. on Saturday

Name of Boats	Time All'ces M S	Entered by	Start at H M	Time of Arrival. H M S	Corrected Time H M S
Lapwing..	3 37	Capt RSJGillespie R E..........	3 40	6 10 25	2 25 48
Maud	4 20	Officers R E	3 40	6 21 36	2 37 16
Coralie ..	6 31	J N Parker.......	3 40	6 25 56	2 39 25
Jean	11 36	Mr C N Moberly..	3 40	6 23 32	2 31 56
Tomtit ..	Scr	Dr F M Gibson ..	3 40	6 14 28	2 34 28
Meg	3 37	Lieut A C Trench R E.........	3 40	6 20 10	2 36 33
Midget....	10 9	Officers R A	3 40	6 21 1	2 33 52
Clutha	7 15	J J Welch	3 40	6 19 39	2 32 24
Curlew....	7 57	C A Wordsworth	3 40	6 19 32	2 31 35
Wagtail ...	10 9	R Carruthers	3 40	6 28 46	2 38 37

Course No. 18—8-7 miles,—1st Prize won by Curlew, 2nd Prize won by Jean and 3rd prize won by Clutha.—Time-limit—6-30 p.m Wind N W Strength Light.

SHIPS BOAT (SERVICE RIG) RACE—Sailed at 3-25 p.m. on Saturday.

Name of Boats.	Time All'ces M S	Entered by	Start at H M	Time of Arrival H M S	Corrected Time H M S
36' Pinnace I	Scr	HMS Hyacinth	3 25	6 27 58	3 2 58
36' Pinnace II	Scr	do	3 25	6 20 55	2 43 4
34' Cutter ...	8 34	do	3 25	6 5 44¼	2 32 10¼
30' Cutter II	12 51	do	3 25	6 33 25	2 55 34
32' Galley ..	11 1	do	3 25	Did not finish	
30' Gig	12 51	do	3 25	Did not finish	
27' Whaler..	33 4	do	3 25	Did not finish	
27' Whaler..	33 4	H M S Proserpine	3 25	Did not finish	
30' Gig	12 51	do	3 25	Did not finish	
32' Galley ..	11 1	Sub Marine Defences	3 25	6 32 31	2 56 30
26' Cutter ..	16 39	do	3 25	6 23 55	2 42 23
20' Galley ...	12 51	H M S Perseus	3 25	6 25 0	2 47 9
30' Cutter ...	12 51	do	3 25	Did not finish	
28 Cutter ...	16 38	do	3 25	Did not finish	

Course No. 35—7-35 miles—1st Prize won by 34' Cutter H.M.S. Hyacinth and 2nd Prize 26' Cutter Sub Marine Defences, and 3rd Prize won by 36' Pinnace II H. M. S. Hyacinth—Time-limit—6-30 p.m.

BOMBAY HUNT.

THERE are doubtless in all hunting countries certain places of meeting, which are considered more favourite than others, and Sahar Hill, which was our rendezvous yesterday morning, is generally regarded as the most attractive spot where our local pack is wont to assemble. As bad luck however would have it the dawn broke with a warm close atmosphere, and the ground did not seem to bear any traces of dew which is so often such a very necessary adjunct to the successful hunting of a pack of hounds on India's coral strand. Circumstances accordingly seemed to indicate a poor scenting morning's sport and this proved to be the case. When the time for repose comes upon a jackal, he may occasionally be taken unawares by the due and lawful warning given in the shape of a blast on the horn, the crack of a whip, or the huntsman's cheer either of which seldom fails to arouse him to timely wakefulness. If a regular old customer, who has more than once baffled his keen pursuers, the tramp of the horse-hoofs heard from afar will often suffice to put him on his legs, and cause him to steal away before the smartest of whips can "get round" for a view. Threading his inviasible way as he well knows how, under bank or hedge he leaves no sign or trace save the mysterious inexplicable clue which is called scent. And by no better name could it be called, The French, from whom we have borrowed many of our terms of venery, say "la voie" or "la piste," expressions which to English ears, at least, fail to convey the idea of the "ravishing perfume," on which the sport of hunting depends, and about which such various and contradictory theories have been upheld. For scent it unquestionably is which enables a hound to follow the line of a jackal, but from what portion of the frame it emanates, whether it sometimes lies on the ground, or rises a few inches above it, and what are the atmostpheric conditions most favourable to its development, seem to be vexed questions as far from accurate solution as are those of the squaring of the circle, or the precise date of the Greek kalends. This much is certain that hounds will, on really good scenting days, carry as good a head, and run as unerringly fifty yards down wind of the line, as they can when following the actual track, showing that scent can be diffused over a very considerable space of ground; and instances there are, where hounds have been laid on to a spot where jackal has been seen to pass, and have failed to show even an indication of feathering, yet on being brought back to the same place after an interval of five or ten minutes, have taken up the line and gone away at score, though it was absolutely impossible that a fresh taint could have been left; thus making it appear that scent may be held in suspense or rise for a short period above the reach of hounds' olfactories, and then settle down again. Our own experience leads us to believe that scent in a great measure depends upon the individual animal, but, as we cannot sustain our conviction by scientific proof, we refrain from arguing upon it. On these, as on many other interesting points, the jackal himself could give us trustworthy information. He and he alone knows the secret of his scent, and by his knowledge he doubtless regulates his movements; he is not however of a confiding nature, and for the sake of his own security and for other obvious reasons, he remains—dumb. So manifold are the devices of the jackel for eluding his pursuers, that volumes might be filled with the stories of his cunning, and of the skill and presence of mind with which he extricates himself from apparently hopeless difficulties; whatever he may feel he never looks flurried, and whether swinging with his long easy stride over the first field, in the full vigour of freshness, or crawling along with his back up as the pack breaks from scent to view, he presents ever the same resolute apperance of knowing exactly what he means to do next—though, in the latter case, his meaning is limited to a grim determination to make his teeth meet in the first hound that lays hold of him, and to quit life and grip together. But all runs do not terminate with a tragedy, and considering the craft and resources of the hunted animal, we can only marvel at the perseverance and science which bring so many jackals fairly to hand during the course of a season. Strongly inclosed or wooded countries, like the Vale of Salsette, naturally afford our hero the fullest opportunities for the exercise of his wiles and dodges; with the "carte du pays" at the tips of his pads, he knows every dry ditch, watercourse, or nullah where he can slip easily along, but where the hounds must file or force their way, and if he takes to water, which he can do like an otter, we may feel pretty sure that he has no struggle on getting out, though the honey combed ledge which gave him foothold crumbles away at the first touch of his heavier footed pursuers. With a sidelong climb he can surmount most walls, and he can run up a tree like a cat if the bark be rough and the incline slightly in his favour but this is a trick which he does well not to try too often, for if a jackal takes to perching, he is sure to be "treed" at last, as a drop of 15 or 20 feet, land he never so lightly is neither bracing at the commencement nor restorative toward the end, of a run. If a jackal is killed at the beginning of a gallop, there arises at once a chorus of "Wretched Brute! Cowardly devil! Deserves his fate!" etc. How do we know? May not a brave jackal have headache, or toothache, or dyspepsia, or some ailment which he feels for the time incapacitates him from doing justice to himself, and to the pack whose prowess he has learnt rightly to esteem? May he not, laudably wish to reserve himself for some future day, when in the full vigour of matured strength and perfect health, he will be ready to try conclusions over that 10 mile point which is recorded to have been safely traversed by his predecessors? Who can tell? The whole subject is shrouded in mystery and it is consequently not an easy thing to give a true explanation of yesterday morning's sport. The pack readily found a jackal in the Sahar Hill Court, and according to the testimony of many riders who viewed him, he was an especially fine looking specimen of his breed, but after getting away from the wood the whole pack had lost the scent before even crossing the Bomanwadi Valley. The hounds were cast in various directions and after some considerable time again set themselves on the line, but they never ran in their accustomed determined manner. They continued the chase in a somewhat desultory fashion round the village of Sahar, and through a number of market gardens, which are situated close to the big Calena Tank, and nearly reached the Barracks, when the pack took a sharp turn to the right and ended the hunt by killing their quarry in the middle of the melon ground. Subsequently many of the woods around Andheri were patiently drawn, but all the endeavours of the pack were fruitless. It was an undoubtedly bad scenting morning, and the jackal which was found and killed, never showed any particular disposition to show any sport. Taking all the difficulties, which we have to contend with, into consideration, it rarely happens that a poor run has to be recorded, and our experiences yesterday morning were certainly exceptional.

It being Christmas week hounds will meet on Tuesday morning, the 24th instant at Santa Cruz, the M. F. H having been able to arrange an extra day's hunting for us.

JACKAL.

FOOTBALL.

Band, The Royal Scots, beat H. M. S. Hyacinth, 3-0.

64th Company R. G. A. beat Police The Royal Scots, 5-0.

Head Quarters The Royal Scots, beat Last * Draft 4-0.

"D" Company The Royal Scots, beat 70th Company R. G. A., 2-1.

Head Quarters The Royal Scots, beat Last Draft, 2-0. (Return Match.)

"G" Company The Royal Scots, beat 70th Company R. G. A. 2-1.

COOPERAGE GROUND.

H. M. S. Perseus, beat "G" Company The Royal Scots, 2-1.

Band, "D" and "G" Companies, The Royal Scots, drew with the Royal Navy.

* 130 men from 1st Battalion The Royal Scots Shorncliffe per Transport s.s. "Assaye."

FOOTBALL AT DEOLALI.

RESULTS.

Sergeants R. Scots. vs. Officers R. Scots, 5-4.

"MURRAY" LEAGUE II. ROUND.

H. Company vs. F. Company, 1-0.

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BEAUTIFUL MATERIALS MADE IN LAKELAND.

The glories and subtle harmonies of Lakeland colouring, the tinge of the heather on the mountains the glowing sunset over the hills, and the mist in the valleys live in the beautiful colours of the hand-woven textiles of the Windermere industry which are on view at the Lyceum Club. Miss Annie Garnett's "Spinnery" at Bowness-on Windermere has played a distinguished part in the modern revival of craftsmanship. Spinning and weaving have never quite disappeared from the quiet villages of Lakeland, and at the Spinnery Miss Garnett has had the old looms and new ones, too, erected. The village girls have been taught the art in which their grandmothers excelled, and the villagers make their own looms. "To-day," said Miss Garnett to a Press representative "the shuttles are busily flying across silken warps at Windermere, satisfying the demand for good English silk. Rich brocades have been woven at the Spinnery, our first brocade being woven by command of Queen Alexandra, and since then the Spinnery has sent many yards of English silk to the Queen. "The village girls love the work, and excel in embroidering. Sometimes as many as ninety girls are employed in the industry, which is a spare time one." One of the most fascinating fabrics brought to the Lyceum is thrown which takes up the colouring in a wonderful way. A beautiful purple thrown at the exhibition has been copied from a distant hill covered with heather. A bed of lupins suggested the bluish mauve for another length of the same silky material and a glorious rose, tinged with orange, perpetuated a July sunset over Windermere.

ARE FRENCH WOMEN EXTRAVAGANT?

The extravagance of the Frenchwoman has been commented on in some of the papers recently, but, says our lady correspondent in Paris, many of the statements made, as to the sum of money required yearly by a really well-dressed woman, have been greatly exaggerated. Of course some of the much-photographed actresses of Paris are notoriously extravagant in their ideas; it is also true that many of the wives of multi-millionaires spend fabulous sums on dress, and proudly boast that they never wear a gown more than once—twice at most—but, then, these women are not the true elegantes of Paris. They are splendid customers for the big dressmakers, though the latter do not always accord them great respect, but they are rarely women who have in them that subtle feeling for dress which is the gift of the gods to the Parisienne of refined and cultured taste. To the latter, dress is indeed a fine art, and one well worthy close and constant study; with her it is not so much a case of possessing an indefinite number of rich garments as of understanding how, when, and where to wear those she does possess. It has even been remarked that several of our leaders of fashion unblushingly wear the same robe again and again, if it happens to be a favourite one. Frenchwomen really love the various items of dress which go to make up their delicious ensemble, and they are by nature—careful of their possessions; very much more so than English-women, speaking generally. It has also been pointed out, and with truth that valuable furs and laces do not wear out in a few months, or even a few years, and that no woman of correct taste would dream of throwing away her furs, embroideries, or laces merely because they had been worn by her for one season—even two. The most fastidious mondaines of Paris do not disdain to have their sables, their flounces, and tunics of priceless lace and their fine embroideries altered in style according to the demands of fashion, and though these costly items of the feminine toilette are exceedingly expensive to begin with it is more than absurd to imply that they have to be purchased each season.

FRENCH ARTILLERY HAVOC.

Moorish Town Shelled.

ORAN, Algeria, Dec. 6.

Having repulsed the Moorish tribesmen who raided Algerian territory, the French forces have begun the work of chastisement in the territory of the marauders.

Colonel Brauliores' column of 1,500 men have just seized Agbal, the chief market town, whence the Beni-Snassen tribe procures food and water, and where it holds its councils.

The French artillery wrought havoc, and every house was razed. The Moors were unable to offer any resistance and fled. The French loss was only two wounded. While Agbal was being seized, the Beni Ouassine tribe, which has submitted to the French, ravaged the surrounding country.

Colonel Braulieres' column returned for the night to Camp Martimprey, better known as the "cholera camp" from the epidemic which raged among the troops under General Martimprey, stationed there in 1859, when the French were at war with the same Beni Snassen tribe, against which the operations are now being conducted.

Si Bou Arakia, the Moorish Governor of Oujda, has been found guilty of sending letters to the Beni-Snassen preaching the Holy War against the French. He has been arrested and taken to Lalla Marnia.

General Lyautey, in his official account of the seizure of Agbal yesterday, said the operation, which began at seven o'clock in the morning, ended at night. After taking the Moorish market, and before returning to Martimprey, they scaled the mountain and shelled Moukhtar-Boutchich, which was destroyed. A corporal of the legion and a tirailleur were wounded.

The troops are full of enthusiasm. The effect of the operation adds the General on the tribes will be very considerable.

NEARING A CRISIS.

The situation is certainly not improving, says the "Times" correspondent at Trangier, and Mulai Abdul Aziz's cause seems to be losing ground on all sides. The disastrous defeat of his army, with the loss of its guns, thirty miles south of Rabat has injured his prestige, and as the greater part of the troops numbering in all between 4,005 and 5,000 fled and eventually joined the rebels, he is left without an adequate force to defend Rabat should the necessity arise.

An absolute lack of funds impedes any act of energy on the part of Abdul Aziz, even if the existing Maghzen were capable of energy, which is very doubtful. A loan would no doubt be procurable if the Sultan would grant financial control to the State Bank, but the viziers would prefer almost any disaster to a financial control which would prevent their wholesale robberies. Tangier has been almost denuded of troops, who have all been sent to the south, and wholesale cattle robberies and pillaging have recommenced in the surrounding districts.

THE FUTURE OF THE CONGO.

TERMS OF THE TREATY OF CESSION TO BELGIUM.

The text of the Treaty of Cession of the Independent Congo State to Belgium is sent by Reuter's Brusse's correspondent. Appended are the principal articles:—

The cession comprises all real and personal estate of the Independent Congo State, and particularly:—

The properties and all the lands belonging to its public and private domain, with reservation of the dispositions and obligations indicated in Schedule A of the present Convention.

All the shares and bonds and founder or interest shares mentioned in Schedule B.

All the buildings, constructions, installations, plantations, and appropriations whatsoever, established or acquired in Africa and in Belgium by the Government of the Independent Congo State, personal goods, etc.

The forests, rubber, and other African products which are the property of the Independent Congo State, as well as the provisions and other merchandise belonging to it, as described in Schedule B.

On the other hand, the cession includes all the liabilities and all the financial engagements of the Independent State, as set out in Schedule C.

The date upon which Belgium will begin to exercise her right of sovereignty over the territories mentioned in the first Article will be determined by Royal decree. The revenue obtained and the expenses incurred by the Independent State, from January 1, 1908, will be taken over by Belgium.

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BY THE WAY.

THE MISSING PAGE.

When the police had pounced upon the first of the gang, seizing him on a slender case, and never dreaming that here was the beginning of the biggest catch of forgers in history—when they had arrested this man, they had got a long chase of the others still in front of them. They had worked with such marvellous skill in covering up their tracks and in avoding any appearance of collusion that the rest had scattered before the police got on the scent. But a detective made a great discovery. At the rooms which the man under arrest had occupied he came across a London directory. Something caused him to run it over, and luckily, revealed the fact that a page had been removed. Comparison with another directory showed him that the page removed was that containing the names and addresses of all the engravers in London. There was an immediate hue and cry through these offices. A dozen of them had been innocently at work for the gang; each was well acquainted with George Bid-well, who had made himself as much at home on Ludgate hill and in Paternoster-row as if he had been born there. That missing sheet proved an inestimably valuable clue. From the evidence of so many witnesses the facts of the forgery were clearly detailed, and a pack of villains placed beyond the possibility of further depredations upon the public pocket.

FIGHTING BLOOD.

That the nature of the Englishman does not materially alter, the strange excitement over the fistic contest at the National Sporting Club is evidence. The thought that a couple of prime-fed athletes were to thump one another about with padded gloves has been for days past a good deal more important to thousands of people in this country than many an international crisis would prove. It would be interesting to know the figure at which tickets for the fight finally changed hands on Monday; probably it would be found to exceed that ever paid to hear the greatest musical genius the world has produced. That inference is to be drawn from a previous contest at the same place, one not regarded as possessing such importance as this. Two men met as they crossed Covent Market from different directions. "Aren't you going to have a look-in at the fight?" asked one. The other was not, but he wished to detain his friend for a moment on a matter of urgent business. "My dear boy, I daren't stay a minute, or I shall waste the fun," was the reply of the first. "I bought my ticket late, and it's cost me fifteen sovereigns," and he hurried off to get his money's worth.

NEWS FROM HOME.

We and France each sent an army to China little short of half a century ago. Our men had just done their share in the Indian Mutiny, and there was much to think about, what with the horrors through which they had passed, the difficulties lying before them in an unknown land, and the thousand-and-one dangers amidst this barbarous population of such vast numbers. But the one topic of conversation throughout the British force for a month before the fighting began was—the Heenan-Sayers prize-fight. News of the result came while the British force still lay awaiting the making ready of the French in Talienwan Bay. It sent a thrill through the camp as remarkable as if a battle between world Powers had been fought. They had a charming French officer with the English headquarter staff, and he marvelled to see these things. "That any civilised army about to enter upon a serious war," says Lord Wolseley, "should at such a solemn and important moment take an all-absorbing interest in the result of a vulgar prize-fight was (this officer told him) beyond any foreigner's philosophy." He solemnly declared to Lord Wolsely his belief that the entire British Army had run mad.

GUIDES TO LONDON.

Every day in half a dozen papers you come across advertisements of men seeking situations who have travelled and are linguists, who are really desparately hard up and declare themselve ready to take anything by which they may honestly make money. Why should not some of them try their skill as guides to London? This is the only city in the world in which there is not a guide to be found, ready at a moment's notice, to show the sights and tell their history. In that respect it is also to a certain extent honourably distingnished; for the foreign guide abroad becomes really a pest. If, however, the thing were done on proper lines, with due regard for decorum, it might be the means of finding lucrative employment for a number of respectable men down on their luck, and, at the same time, of materially assisting foreign visitors. Even the man who has but English would not be debarred, for the majority of foreigners who visit us have a-tolerable knowledge of our language.

UNGALLANT.

The King has given a lead in bestowing the Order of Merit upon Miss Florence Nightingale which some of our learned bodies may now feel disposed to follow. The Royal Academy never elects a lady to membership; the Royal Society cannot admit a lady to fellowship; the Royal Astronomical Society apparently should not elect a lady astronomer, no matter how distinguished, to membership. Of course it has done so; Lady Huggins is one of several lady students of the heavens who have enjoyed this distinction. It is said, however, that a new charter will have to be sought to legalise these elections. The Royal Society stands fast by its old rules and ungallantly says "Impossible" to the proposal to honour a great lady scientist. We had a test case a year or so ago when six Fellows of the society nominated Mrs. Ayrton for a Fellowship. She and they were informed that the council, having taken legal advice, were assured that the thing could not be done. To which Mrs. Ayrton retorted that probably if another counsel's opinion had been sought a quite contrary opinion would have been fourthcoming.

MARRIED OR SINGLE?

The newer learned bodies make no such absurd distinctions between the sexes. Some, however, seem to think that while a woman may fitly be honoured if single, she is debarred from election if married. The absurdity of this is manifest, of course, in the case of Mrs. Ayrton, whose brilliant successes have been won entirely independently of her husband. Even more apparent was it in the case of the Curies. The Royal Society did all that they could when they could not confer fellowships; for the first time they awarded medals to them and Mrs. Ayrton. Mme. Curie's honour was shared by her husband, the late M. Curie. Supposing that the rules had debarred Mme. Curie as a married woman, from receiving the medal. Possibly it might have been awarded to her husband, which would have been a great injustice to her. Although his name is constantly associated with the discovery of radium, she, not he, was the discoverer. She worked out those wonderful experiments, she originated the schemes by which the precious metal was finally isolated, and he never more than co-operated.

A DRUCE MEMORY.

In the Druce case the other day some laughter was caused by a witness's description of the liveried splendours of Baker-street. Why should this be so? Hear Thackeray in praise of the social traditions of this famous quarter—more famous now than ever: "Ladies are you aware that the great Pitt lived in Baker-street? What would not your grandmothers have given to be asked to Lady Hester's parties in that now decayed mansion? I have dined in it—"moi qui vous parle." I peopled the chamber with ghosts of mighty dead. As we sat soberly drinking claret there with men of to-day the spirits of the departed came in and took their places round the darksome board. The pilot who weathered the storm tossed off great bumpers of spiritual port; the shade of Dundas did not leave the ghost of a heeltap. Addington sate bowing and smirking in a ghastly manner and would not be behindhand when the noiseless bottle went round: Scott from under bushy eye-brows winked at the apparition of a beeswing: Wilberforce's eyes went up to the ceiling so that he did not seems to know how his glass went up full to his mouth and came down empty—up to the ceiling which was above us only yesterday and which the great of the past days have all looked at. They let the house as a furnished lodging now. Yes Lady Hester once lived in Baker-street and lies asleep in the wilderness. Eothen saw her there—not in Baker-street but in the other solitude." Clearly even a duke—especially one with a weakness for a quite neighbourhood—need not have despised Baker-street.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

WINGLESS KIWI.

Visitors to the Zoo have now an excellent opportunity of studying the curious and unique bird fauna of New Zealand, specimens of the more remarkable species having recently been presented by the Government of the island. Among these are three specimens of the wingless Kiwi, the apteryx of ornithologists. Four species of Kiwi are supposed to exist, and the one now represented in the Gardens is from the southern island, and is hence known as Apteryx Australis. The Kiwi is a bird of nocturnal habits, and feds chiefly on earth worms. It does not wait for the worm to emerge, but seeks it by working about underground with its long bill. Apparently the senses of smell and touch are both used in the search. When found the worm is drawn out with extreme care and deliberation, coaxed, as it were, to avoid breaking it.

FLIGHTLESS WEKAS.

The woodhens, the Wekas of the Maoris, are represented by two species, the Southern Weka and Earl's Weka. Although provided with wings, these birds are unable to use them, and consequently are in danger of rapid extermination in common with the Kiwi. Like the latter they are very swift of foot, and for this reason have obtained their scientific name of Ocydromus, quick running. These flightless species are of special interest in connection with the occurrence of much larger wingless birds as fossils in the tertiary strata of New Zealand. Their continued existence without the power of flight is ascribed to the absence of indigenous land mammalia.

SHEEP-DESTROYING PARROT.

Another species represented is the kea, or mountain kaka, of evil reputation. Like the rest of the parrot tribe frugivorous by nature, the kea seems to have taken to flesh eating since the introduction of sheep into New Zealand. It is stated that the bird digs into the body of the sheep with its powerful beak to devour the kindneys! Such a change in habit seems so unlikely that many inclined to the view that the charge against the kea was not proven. But the evidence on the whole seems to condemn it. The price set on its head in New Zealand varies from 3s. to 10s., and Mr. Hutton says that on the runs far back, and at high altitudes, 20 per cent. of the flocks have succumbed.

WASPS AND BIRDS.

The bird is commonly an enemy of the wasp, many species esteeming it an excellent article of diet. It is, therefore, surprising to learn that in Venezuela a bird lives in a sort of friendly association, or symbiosis, with a species of wasp. Unlike our native species, this wasp of Venezuela does not build a new nest every year. The old nest is added to year after year, and may thus attain a diameter of five feet. Round this nest a colony of the yellow-rumped hang-nest will suspend their pensile cradles. It is suggested that the birds benefit by receiving protection from certain of its enemies, though the advantage to the wasp is not obvious. If the wasp's nest is destroyed or abandoned the birds leave their nests also.

NEW OXIDE OF SILICON.

It has been generally held by chemists that silicon forms only one oxide, the familiar silica, which in the shape of flint, quartz, and sand forms such a considerable part of the earth's crust. The general resemblance of the element silicon to carbon, however, suggests that like the latter it should have two corresponding to carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Silica is the dioxide, and Clemens Winkler, after trying in vain to prepare the latter, concluded that silicon did not form such an oxide. In the course of three papers which he has read before the American Electro-Chemical Society, however, Dr. H. Potter seems to have proved that a monoxide of silicon can be prepared.

HOW PREPARED.

Dr. Potter attributes Winkler's failure to obtain silicon monoxide to the comparatively low temperature 1,000 C. at which he worked. Heating together silica and silicon in an electric furnace, Dr. Potter has found that at from 1,700deg. to 1,800deg. C. a brisk reaction occurs, with the production of a brown smoke. If the operation be carried out in an inert atmosphere this can be collected as a soft, brown, very fine powder. Physical and chemical analysis have convinced Dr. Potter that this is the monoxide of silicon. He proposes to name the product of the reaction "monox," whether pure monoxide, or a mixture of this with silica and silicon.

USES OF MONOX.

It is found that when negatively charged the fine particles of monox fly to cotton fibres, etc., and so form a screen which will filter out solid matter in the air. Thus, air might be sterilised by drawing it through such a screen. It is further claimed that monox would make a valuable pigment in certain oil paints, especially for brickwork and for protecting iron.

JELLY FROM A CALYX.

An interesting note on a species of Hibiscus, largely grown in the Tropics, occurs in the current number of the "Field." It forms a handsome bushy plant, six feet high, and the flowers are about three inches wide, yellow with a crimson eye. The calyx is what botanists call accrescent—that is, it continues to grow after the rest of the flower fades. In 24 hours the petals fall, but the calyx goes on growing for three weeks, when it is ready to be gathered. It is made into sauce, jam, or Jelly. Of a bright red colour it is said to have the flavour of cranberries. It may be noted that the glutinous calyx of the cotton tree, nearly related to the hibiscus, is made into a preserve in certain parts of China. A fine silky fibre, known as Rozelle hemp, is also made from the above hibiscus, and its seeds are used as food for cattle.

THE PULSE OF ASIA.

There is much to be said for the traveller who indites the reminiscences of his wanderings for whether or no they are read the author by the mere fact of writing down the details of his journey acquires a power of observation which may result in the most important discoveries. In "The Pulse of Asia" the author Mr. Ellsworth Huntington has certainly brought observation to a fine art. He travels through the great mountain ranges of Northern India; he explores the lakes, rivers and deserts of Turkestan, he visits the principal native towns and villages and carefully notes down all he sees and hears. But in so doing Mr. Huntington has another object than to merely interest his readers with graphic accounts of foreign lands. The aim he has always in view is to establish the "geographic relation between physical environment and man" and "between changes of climate and history." In other words, in the study of geography is to be found, according to the author, the key to any inquiry as to the structure of the human frame., "The importance of climate" he tells us, and of changes of climate "in history and the allied sciences has never been fully realised." It is to this cause that he attributes the life and habits of the Esquimau; the Arab's love of plunder; the indolence of the Italian. And further, "it is the dry climate of Iran," he believes, which has caused the inhabitants to adopt an advanced form of social organisation, "where war is unknown, and each man must be keenly conscious of the interdependence of himself and the universal state."

PROBING A THEORY.

Few travellers have scoured unknown countries to establish a theory such as this. Always in search of information that would advance his hypothesis; Mr. Huntington spent, three years in Central Asia, making the most exhaustive inquiries as to the geological, sociological, and the physiological aspects of the country and its inhabitants. The results are extremely interesting, though whether or not they prove sufficiently Mr. Huntington's contention as to the geographic theory of history, is a matter of opinion. But the ordinary reader will be more interested in the account of his actual journey, and the natives with whom he came in contact. The Khirghiz shepherd, who wanders, with his family and huge herds, over the great plains, changing his camping ground as the grass gets eaten down; the Chantos of the Kaen Lem district, with their weird habits of life, the most important of which is to eat largely and all day; the sandburied cities of China some of which date back to the third century; and were abandoned, according to the author, owing to the difficulty of irrigation. And, lastly, the author's journey across the arid plains of Lop Nor, with its rapidly disappearing lakes and rivers.

THE ORIGINS OF SCIENCE.

Dr. John Mason will receive the thanks of students for his valuable and exhaustive work on "Lucretius, Epicurean and Poet" (John Murray). By prolonged and patient analysis, complemented by reference to ancient and modern letters, he expounds the adaptation by Lucretius in his great poem, "De Rerum Natura," of the Epicurean philosophy, and its connection with and effect on contemporary and latter-day speculative thought. The works of modern scientific writers frequently admit the amazing correctness with which the ancients anticipated the conclusions of their far-off successors. Lucretius, in his propositions adopts a theory of atomic construction of matter, even of evolution, which foreshadows philosophic truths that have won acceptance by the world's great thinkers.

THE tribal feuds between the Shiahs and Sunnis in Tirah which were patched up by Mullah Saiyid Akbar are said to have again broken out. Some desultory fighting is reported to have occurred recently.



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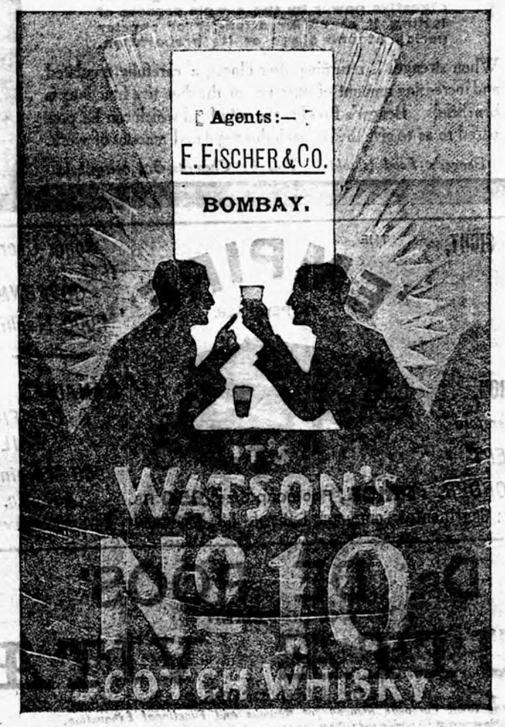
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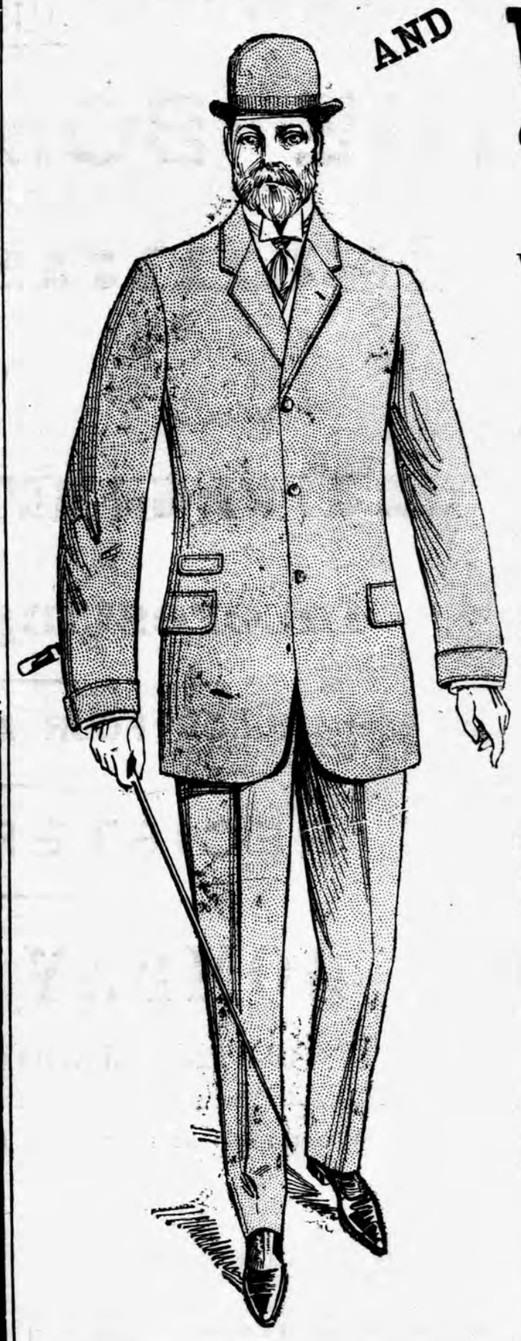
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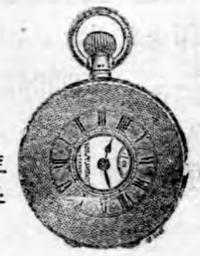


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